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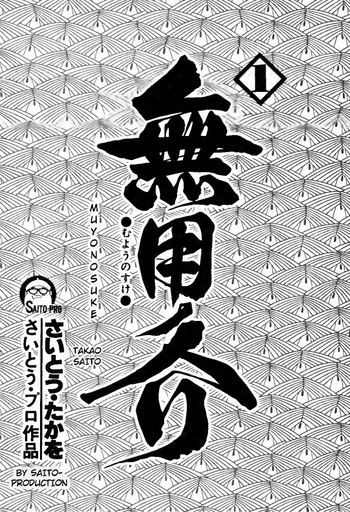

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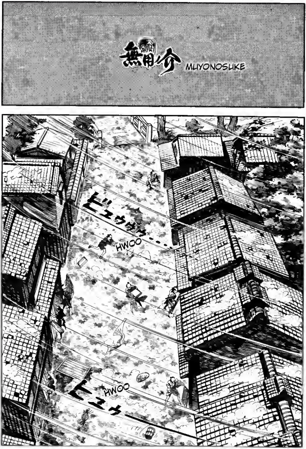
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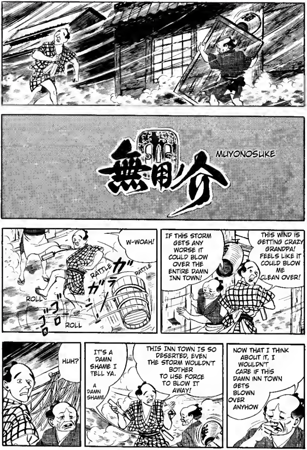
MUYONOSUKE
ビュウウウ……
HWOO
ビュウ—
HWOO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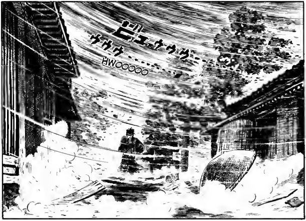
MUYONOSUKE
THIS WIND IS GETTING CRAZY GRANDPA! FEELS LIKE IT COULD BLOW ME CLEAN OVER!
IF THIS STORM GETS ANY WORSE IT COULD BLOW OVER THE ENTIRE DAMN INN TOWN!
W-WOAH!
ガラガラ
RATTLE
RATTLE
ゴロゴロ
ROLL
ROLL
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I WOULDN'T CARE IF THIS DAMN INN TOWN GETS BLOWN OVER ANYHOW
THIS INN TOWN IS SO DESERTED, EVEN THE STORM WOULDN'T BOTHER TO USE FORCE TO BLOW IT AWAY!
IT'S A DAMN SHAME I TELL YA.
A DAMN SHAME
HUH?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ウウウ……
HWOOOOO

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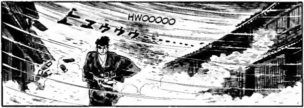
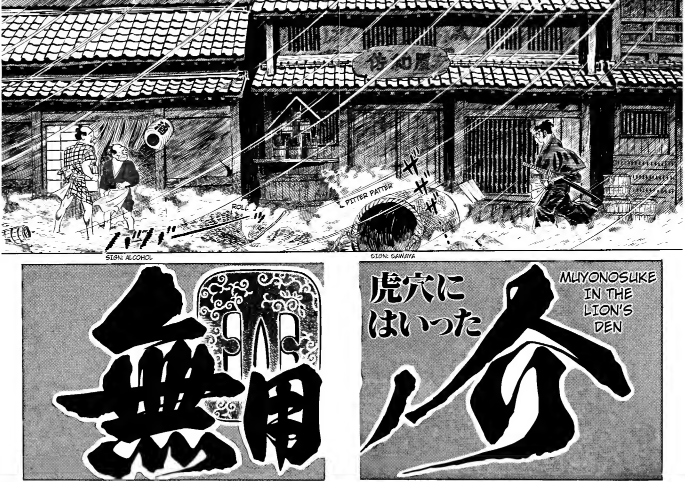

ヒュウウウ……
HWOOOOO


佐和屋
ザザザ
PITTER PATTER
ROLL
酒
SIGN: SAWAYA
SIGN: ALCOHOL
虎穴にはいった
MUYONOSUKE IN THE LION'S DEN
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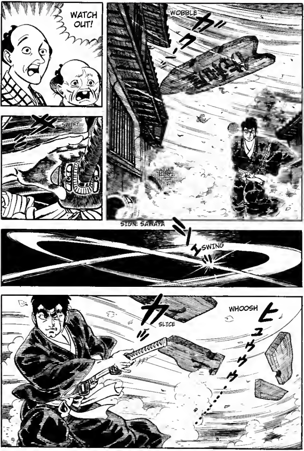
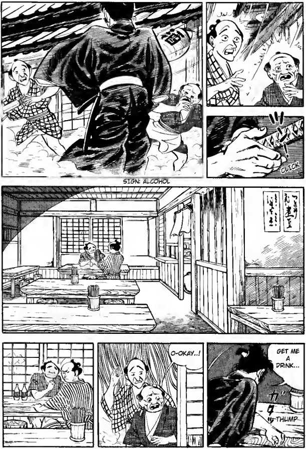
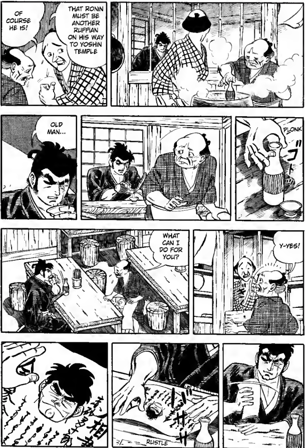
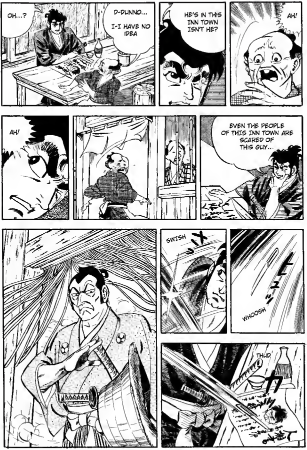
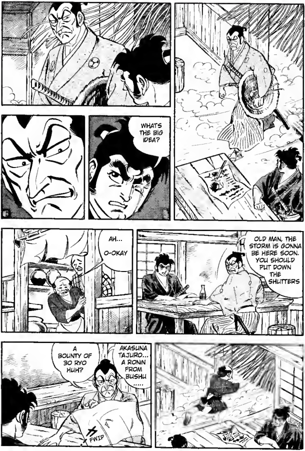

WOBBLE
SIGN: SAWAYA
WATCH OUT!
SWIFT
SWING
WHOOSH
SLICE

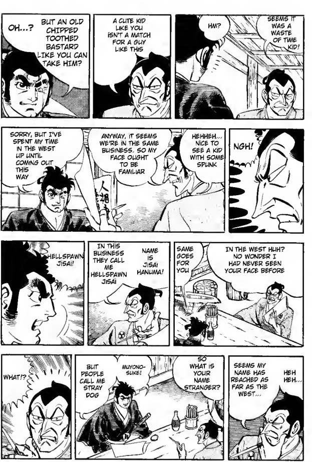

酒
SIGN: ALCOHOL
!!
CLICK
GET ME A DRINK...
カタッ
THUMP
O-OKAY..!

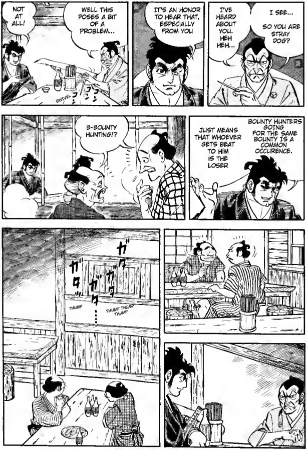

THAT RONIN MUST BE ANOTHER RUFFIAN ON HIS WAY TO YOSHIN TEMPLE
OF COURSE HE IS!
OLD MAN...
PLONK
ゴト
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
Y-YES!
バサッ
RUSTLE

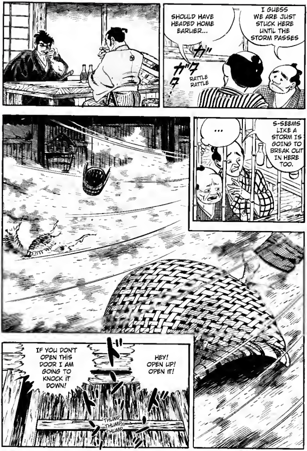
WANTED: TAJURO AKASAGO

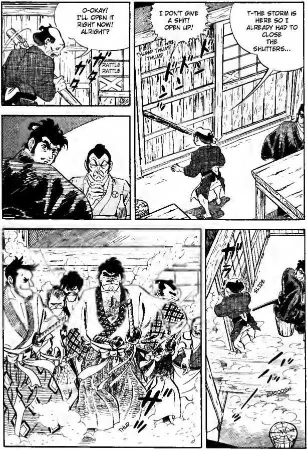

OH...?
D-DUNNO...
I-I HAVE NO IDEA
HE'S IN THIS INN TOWN ISN'T HE?
AH!
AH!
EVEN THE PEOPLE OF THIS INN TOWN ARE SCARED OF THIS GUY...
SWISH
WHOOSH
THUD

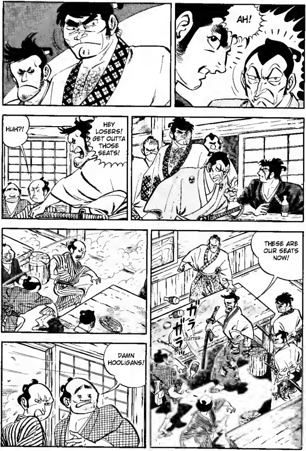

WHATS THE BIG IDEA?
OLD MAN, THE STORM IS GONNA BE HERE SOON. YOU SHOULD PUT DOWN THE SHUTTERS
AH... O-OKAY
AKASUNA TAJURO... A RONIN FROM BUSHU .....
A BOUNTY OF 30 RYO HUH?
FWIP

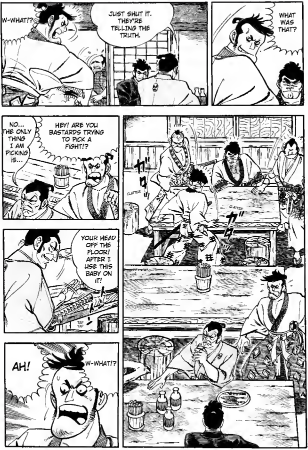

OH...?
BUT AN OLD CHIPPED TOOTHED BASTARD LIKE YOU CAN TAKE HIM?
A CUTE KID LIKE YOU ISN'T A MATCH FOR A GUY LIKE THIS
HM?
SEEMS IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME KID!
SORRY, BUT I'VE SPENT MY TIME IN THE WEST UP UNTIL COMING OUT THIS WAY
ANYWAY, IT SEEMS WE'RE IN THE SAME BUSINESS. SO MY FACE OUGHT TO BE FAMILIAR
HEHHEH... NICE TO SEE A KID WITH SOME SPUNK
NGH!
HELLSPAWN JISAI!
IN THIS BUSINESS THEY CALL ME HELLSPAWN JISAI
NAME IS JISAI HANUMA!
SAME GOES FOR YOU
IN THE WEST HUH? NO WONDER I HAD NEVER SEEN YOUR FACE BEFORE
WHAT!?
BUT PEOPLE CALL ME STRAY DOG
MUYONOSUKE!
SO WHAT IS YOUR NAME STRANGER?
SEEMS MY NAME HAS REACHED AS FAR AS THE WEST...
HEH HEH...

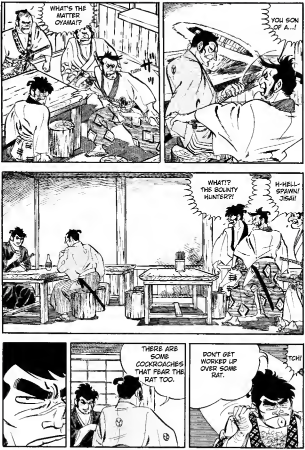

I SEE... SO YOU ARE STRAY DOG?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU. HEH HEH...
IT'S AN HONOR TO HEAR THAT, ESPECIALLY FROM YOU
WELL THIS POSES A BIT OF A PROBLEM...
NOT AT ALL!
コン コン コン
SWIVEL
BOUNTY HUNTERS GOING FOR THE SAME BOUNTY IS A COMMON OCCURENCE.
JUST MEANS THAT WHOEVER GETS BEAT TO HIM IS THE LOSER
B-BOUNTY HUNTING!?
ガタ ガタ ガタ……
THUMP THUMP THUMP
ガタッ
THUMP

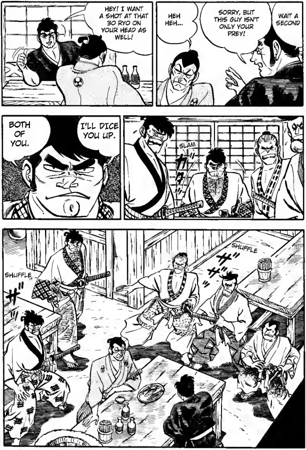

SHOULD HAVE HEADED HOME EARLIER...
I GUESS WE ARE JUST STUCK HERE UNTIL THE STORM PASSES
ガタ ガタ
RATTLE RATTLE
...
S-SEEMS LIKE A STORM IS GOING TO BREAK OUT IN HERE TOO.
IF YOU DON'T OPEN THIS DOOR I AM GOING TO KNOCK IT DOWN!
HEY! OPEN UP! OPEN IT!
ド ド ド
THUMP THUMP THUMP

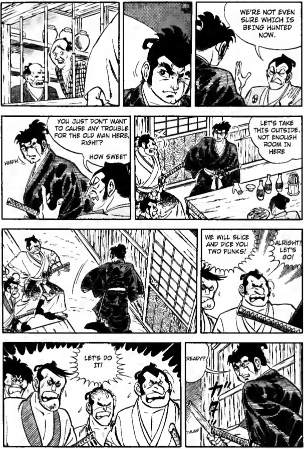

T-THE STORM IS HERE SO I ALREADY HAD TO CLOSE THE SHUTTERS...
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT! OPEN UP!
THUMP THUMP THUMP
O-OKAY! I'LL OPEN IT RIGHT NOW! ALRIGHT?
RATTLE RATTLE
SLIDE
WHOOOSH
THUD

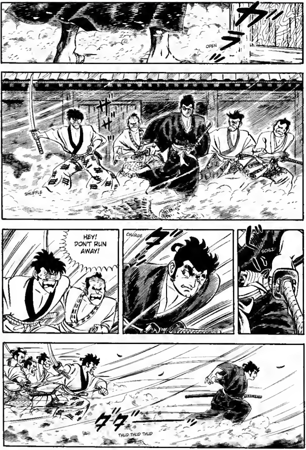

AH!
HUH?!
HEY LOSERS! GET OUTTA THOSE SEATS!
THESE ARE OUR SEATS NOW!
ガラ
ガラ
CLATTER
DAMN HOOLIGANS!

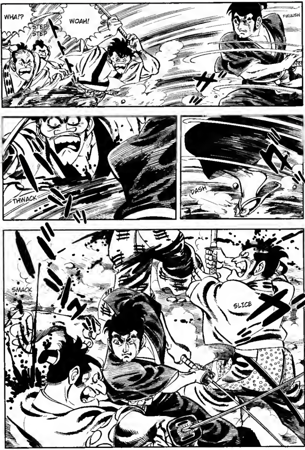

JUST SHUT IT. THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH.
W-WHAT!?
WHAT WAS THAT?
HEY! ARE YOU BASTARDS TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT!?
NO... THE ONLY THING I AM PICKING IS...
ガタ
CLATTER
CLATTER
ガタ
YOUR HEAD OFF THE FLOOR! AFTER I USE THIS BABY ON IT!
TAP TAP
AH!
W-WHAT!?

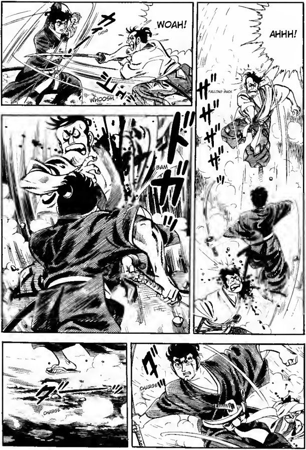

WHAT'S THE MATTER OYAMA!?
TURN
YOU SON OF A...!
WHAT!? THE BOUNTY HUNTER?!
H-HELL-SPAWN! JISAI!
THERE ARE SOME COCKROACHES THAT FEAR THE RAT TOO.
DON'T GET WORKED UP OVER SOME RAT.
TCH!

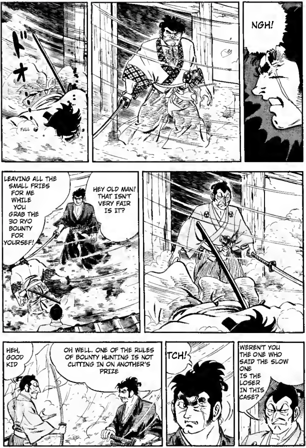

HEY! I WANT A SHOT AT THAT 30 RYO ON YOUR HEAD AS WELL!
HEH HEH...
SORRY, BUT THIS GUY ISN'T ONLY YOUR PREY!
WAIT A SECOND
BOTH OF YOU.
I'LL DICE YOU UP.
SLAM
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE

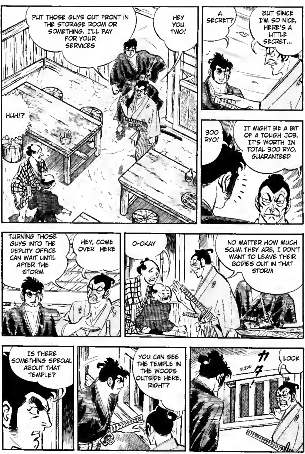

WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE WHICH IS BEING HUNTED NOW.
YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE FOR THE OLD MAN HERE, RIGHT?
HMPH
HOW SWEET
LET'S TAKE THIS OUTSIDE. NOT ENOUGH ROOM IN HERE
WE WILL SLICE AND DICE YOU TWO PUNKS!
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO!
LET'S DO IT!
READY?
ガタ
THUMP

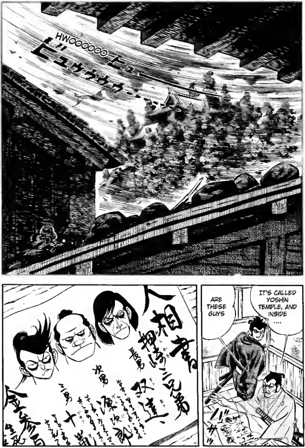

カラ〃
OPEN
ザザ
SHUFFLE
SCHLI
CHARGE
HEY! DON'T RUN AWAY!
ダダー
THUD THUD THUD


WHA!?
STEP STEP
WOAH!
FWUUSH
THWACK
DASH
SMACK
SLICE

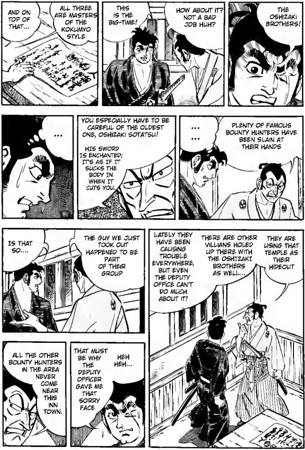

WOAH!
カッ
CHING
ジュッ
WHOOSH
AHHH!
ザザザザッ
FALLING BACK
ドガッ
BAM
ダッ
CHARGE
ダッ
CHARGE!!!

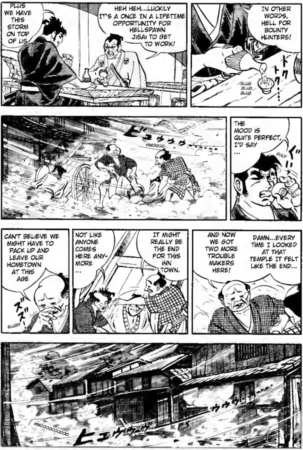

NGH!
ドオ…
FALL
HEY OLD MAN! THAT ISN'T VERY FAIR IS IT?
LEAVING ALL THE SMALL FRIES FOR ME WHILE YOU GRAB THE 30 RYO BOUNTY FOR YOURSELF!
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID THE SLOW ONE IS THE LOSER IN THIS CASE?
TCH!
OH WELL. ONE OF THE RULES OF BOUNTY HUNTING IS NOT CUTTING IN ON ANOTHER'S PRIZE
HEH, GOOD KID

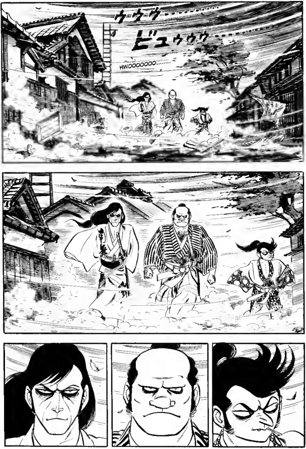

HEY YOU TWO!
PUT THOSE GUYS OUT FRONT IN THE STORAGE ROOM OR SOMETHING. I'LL PAY FOR YOUR SERVICES
HUH!?
BUT SINCE I'M SO NICE, HERE'S A LITTLE SECRET...
A SECRET?
IT MIGHT BE A BIT OF A TOUGH JOB, IT'S WORTH IN TOTAL 300 RYO, GUARANTEED
300 RYO!
TURNING THOSE GUYS INTO THE DEPUTY OFFICE CAN WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE STORM
HEY, COME OVER HERE
O-OKAY
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SCUM THEY ARE, I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THEIR BODIES OUT IN THAT STORM
IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT TEMPLE?
YOU CAN SEE THE TEMPLE IN THE WOODS OUTSIDE HERE, RIGHT?
カタ
SLIDE
LOOK

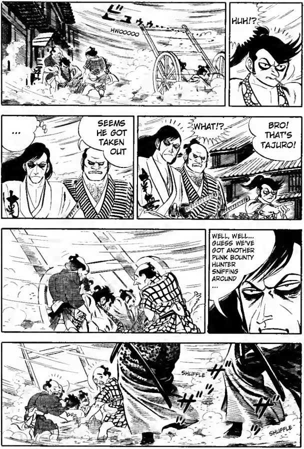

HWOOOOOO
ビュウウウウー
人相書
押崎三兄弟
長男 双達
次男 源次郎
三男 十蔵
金参百
IT'S CALLED YOSHIN TEMPLE, AND INSIDE ....
ARE THESE GUYS
!!

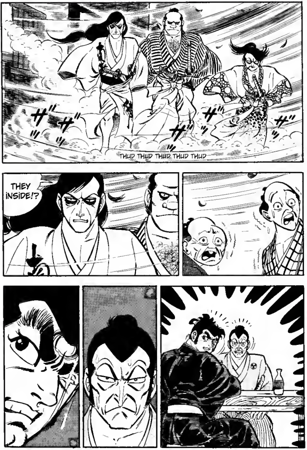
POSTER: WANTED
3 OSHIZAKI BROTHERS
OLDEST BROTHER SOTATSU
MIDDLE BROTHER GENJIRO
YOUNGEST BROTHER. JUSO
REWARD 300...
DEAD OR ALIVE

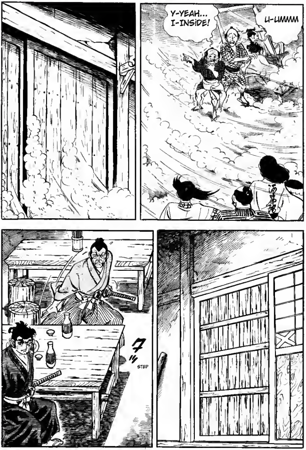

AND ON TOP OF THAT...
ALL THREE ARE MASTERS OF THE KOKUMYO STYLE
THIS IS THE BIG-TIME!
HOW ABOUT IT? NOT A BAD JOB HUH?
THE OSHIZAKI BROTHERS!
...
YOU ESPECIALLY HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF THE OLDEST ONE, OSHIZAKI SOTATSU!
HIS SWORD IS ENCHANTED; IT'S AS IF IT SUCKS THE BODY IN WHEN IT CUTS YOU.
... ...
PLENTY OF FAMOUS BOUNTY HUNTERS HAVE BEEN SLAIN AT THEIR HANDS
IS THAT SO....
THE GUY WE JUST TOOK OUT HAPPENED TO BE PART OF THEIR GROUP
LATELY THEY HAVE BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE EVERYWHERE, BUT EVEN THE DEPUTY OFFICE CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT IT!
THERE ARE OTHER VILLIANS HOLED UP THERE WITH THE OSHIZAKI BROTHERS AS WELL...
THEY ARE USING THAT TEMPLE AS THEIR HIDEOUT
ALL THE OTHER BOUNTY HUNTERS IN THE AREA NEVER COME NEAR THIS INN TOWN.
THAT MUST BE WHY THE DEPUTY OFFICER GAVE ME THAT SORRY FACE
HEH HEH...

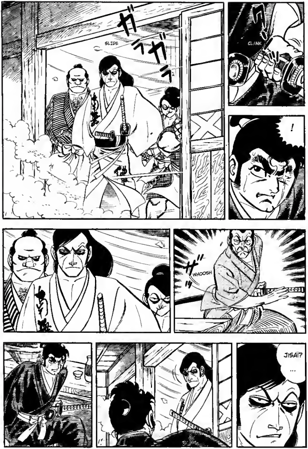

PLUS WE HAVE THIS STORM ON TOP OF US
HEH HEH...LUCKILY IT'S A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR HELLSPAWN JISAI TO GET TO WORK!
IN OTHER WORDS, HELL FOR BOUNTY HUNTERS!
ドク ドク…
GLUG GLUG GLUG
ビュウウウ
HWOOOO
THE MOOD IS QUITE PERFECT, I'D SAY ...
グビッ
GULP
CAN'T BELIEVE WE MIGHT HAVE TO PACK UP AND LEAVE OUR HOMETOWN AT THIS AGE
ズズ!
SLURP
NOT LIKE ANYONE COMES HERE ANY-MORE ...
IT MIGHT REALLY BE THE END FOR THIS INN TOWN.
AND NOW WE GOT TWO MORE TROUBLE MAKERS HERE!
DAMN...EVERY TIME I LOOKED AT THAT TEMPLE IT FELT LIKE THE END...
ウウウ…
HWOOOOOOOOOO
ヒュウウウ

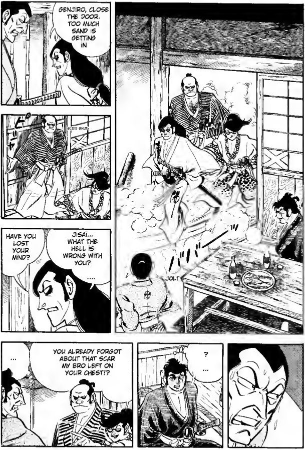

ウゥウ…………
ビュゥゥウ…………
HWOOOOOOO……

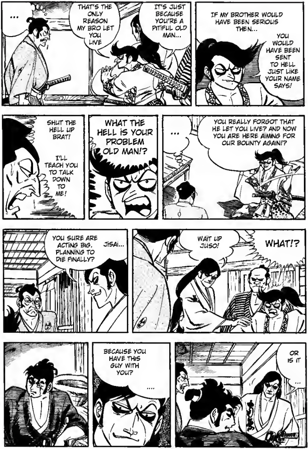

HUH!?
ビュウゥ…
HWOOOOO
BRO! THAT'S TAJURO!
WHAT!?
SEEMS HE GOT TAKEN OUT
...
WELL, WELL... GUESS WE'VE GOT ANOTHER PUNK BOUNTY HUNTER SNIFFING AROUND ...
ザッ
SHUFFLE
ザッ
ザッ
ザッ
SHUFFLE

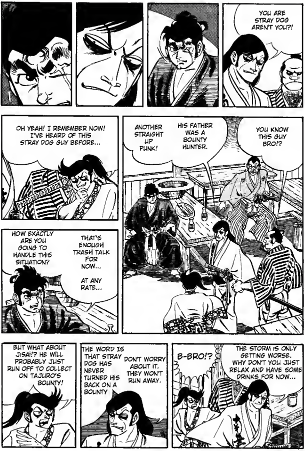

ザ ザ ザ ザ ザ
THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
THEY INSIDE!?

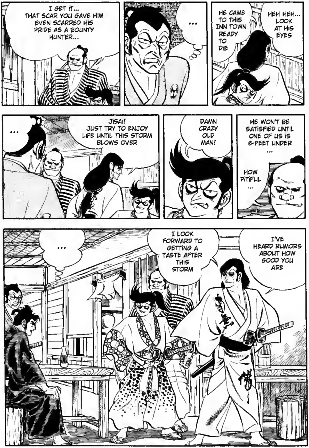

Y-YEAH... I-INSIDE!
U-UMMM
スッ
STEP

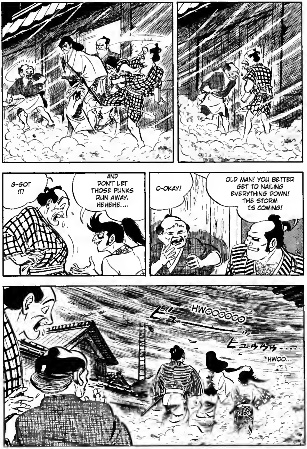

CLANK
!
ガラガラ
SLIDE
ザ
WHOOSH
JISAI?
...
!?


GENJIRO, CLOSE THE DOOR. TOO MUCH SAND IS GETTING IN
ピシャ
SLIDE SHUT
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?
JISAI... WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?
....
ババーッ
JOLT
...
YOU ALREADY FORGOT ABOUT THAT SCAR MY BRO LEFT ON YOUR CHEST!?
?
...


IF MY BROTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS THEN...
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO HELL JUST LIKE YOUR NAME SAYS!
IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A PITIFUL OLD MAN...
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON MY BRO LET YOU LIVE
...
YOU REALLY FORGOT THAT HE LET YOU LIVE? AND NOW YOU ARE HERE AIMING FOR OUR BOUNTY AGAIN!?
...
WHAT THE HELL IS YOUR PROBLEM OLD MAN!?
SHUT THE HELL UP BRAT!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO TALK DOWN TO ME!
WHAT!?
WAIT UP JUSO!
JISAI...
YOU SURE ARE ACTING BIG. PLANNING TO DIE FINALLY?
OR IS IT
...
BECAUSE YOU HAVE THIS GUY WITH YOU?
....


YOU ARE STRAY DOG AREN'T YOU?!
OH YEAH! I REMEMBER NOW! I'VE HEARD OF THIS STRAY DOG GUY BEFORE...
ANOTHER STRAIGHT UP PUNK!
HIS FATHER WAS A BOUNTY HUNTER.
YOU KNOW THIS GUY BRO!?
HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION?
THAT'S ENOUGH TRASH TALK FOR NOW... AT ANY RATE...
BUT WHAT ABOUT JISAI!? HE WILL PROBABLY JUST RUN OFF TO COLLECT ON TAJURO'S BOUNTY!
THE WORD IS THAT STRAY DOG HAS NEVER TURNED HIS BACK ON A BOUNTY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THEY WON'T RUN AWAY.
B-BRO!?
THE STORM IS ONLY GETTING WORSE. WHY DON'T YOU JUST RELAX AND HAVE SOME DRINKS FOR NOW...


I GET IT... THAT SCAR YOU GAVE HIM EVEN SCARRED HIS PRIDE AS A BOUNTY HUNTER...
...
HE CAME TO THIS INN TOWN READY TO DIE
HEH HEH... LOOK AT HIS EYES
...
JISAI! JUST TRY TO ENJOY LIFE UNTIL THIS STORM BLOWS OVER
DAMN CRAZY OLD MAN!
HE WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL ONE OF US IS 6-FEET UNDER ...
HOW PITIFUL ...
...
I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING A TASTE AFTER THIS STORM
I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT HOW GOOD YOU ARE


OLD MAN! YOU BETTER GET TO NAILING EVERYTHING DOWN! THE STORM IS COMING!
O-OKAY!
AND DON'T LET THOSE PUNKS RUN AWAY. HEHEHE....
G-GOT IT!
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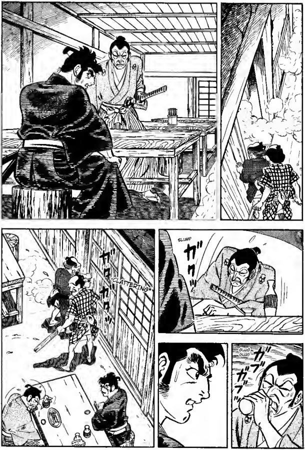
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CLATTERING
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GLUG GLUG
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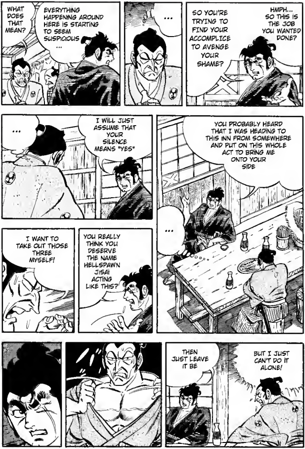
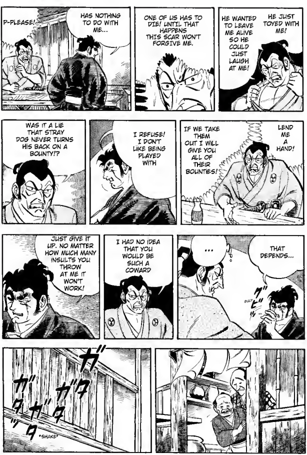

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
EVERYTHING HAPPENING AROUND HERE IS STARTING TO SEEM SUSPICIOUS ...
...
HMPH... SO THIS IS THE JOB YOU WANTED DONE?
SO YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND YOUR ACCOMPLICE TO AVENGE YOUR SHAME?
...
I WILL JUST ASSUME THAT YOUR SILENCE MEANS "YES"
YOU PROBABLY HEARD THAT I WAS HEADING TO THIS INN FROM SOMEWHERE AND PUT ON THIS WHOLE ACT TO BRING ME ONTO YOUR SIDE
...
I WANT TO TAKE OUT THOSE THREE MYSELF!
YOU REALLY THINK YOU DESERVE THE NAME HELLSPAWN JISAI ACTING LIKE THIS?
THEN JUST LEAVE IT BE
BUT I JUST CAN'T DO IT ALONE!


HE JUST TOYED WITH ME!
HE WANTED TO LEAVE ME ALIVE SO HE COULD JUST LAUGH AT ME!
ONE OF US HAS TO DIE! UNTIL THAT HAPPENS THIS SCAR WON'T FORGIVE ME.
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME...
P-PLEASE!
LEND ME A HAND!
IF WE TAKE THEM OUT I WILL GIVE YOU ALL OF THEIR BOUNTIES!
I REFUSE! I DON'T LIKE BEING PLAYED WITH
WAS IT A LIE THAT STRAY DOG NEVER TURNS HIS BACK ON A BOUNTY!?
THAT DEPENDS...
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GULP
...
I HAD NO IDEA THAT YOU WOULD BE SUCH A COWARD
JUST GIVE IT UP. NO MATTER HOW MUCH MANY INSULTS YOU THROW AT ME IT WON'T WORK!
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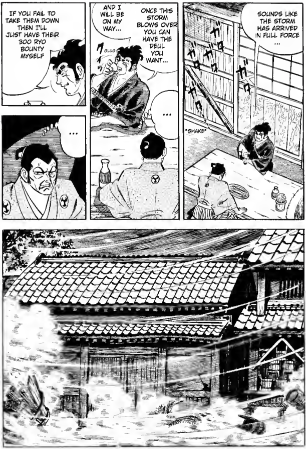
SHAKE


IF YOU FAIL TO TAKE THEM DOWN THEN I'LL JUST HAVE THEIR 300 RYO BOUNTY MYSELF
AND I WILL BE ON MY WAY...
ONCE THIS STORM BLOWS OVER YOU CAN HAVE THE DEUL YOU WANT...
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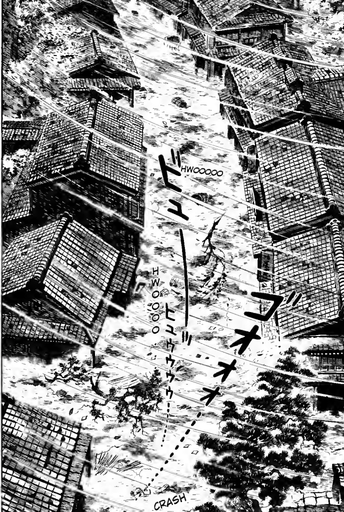
SOUNDS LIKE THE STORM HAS ARRIVED IN FULL FORCE ...
SHAKE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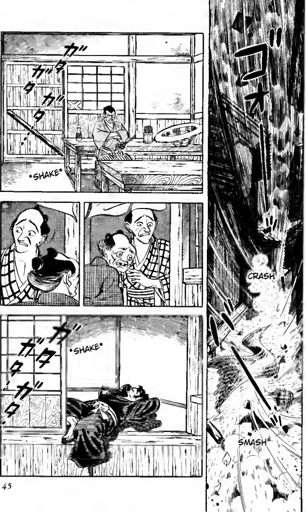
CRASH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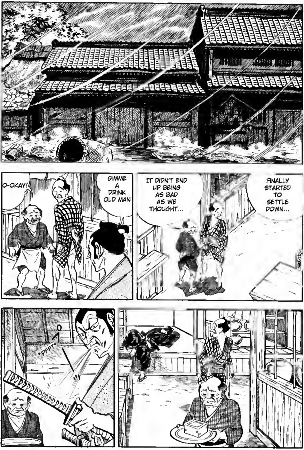
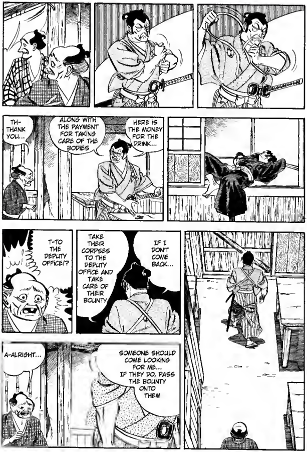
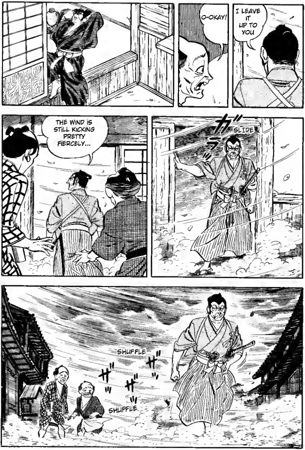
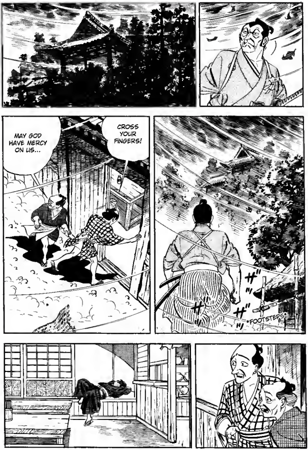

GIMME A DRINK OLD MAN
O-OKAY!
IT DIDN'T END UP BEING AS BAD AS WE THOUGHT...
FINALLY STARTED TO SETTLE DOWN...
PFFT


HERE IS THE MONEY FOR THE DRINK...
ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT FOR TAKING CARE OF THE BODIES
TH- THANK YOU...
IF I DON'T COME BACK...
TAKE THEIR CORPSES TO THE DEPUTY OFFICE AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR BOUNTY
T-TO THE DEPUTY OFFICE!?
SOMEONE SHOULD COME LOOKING FOR ME... IF THEY DO, PASS THE BOUNTY ONTO THEM
A-ALRIGHT...


I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU
O-OKAY!
SLIDE
THE WIND IS STILL KICKING PRETTY FIERCELY...
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE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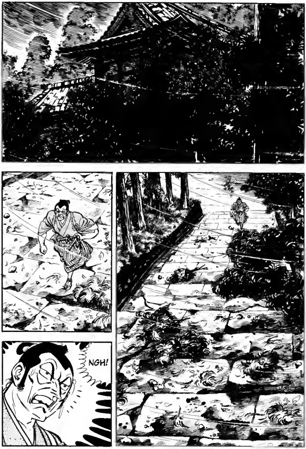
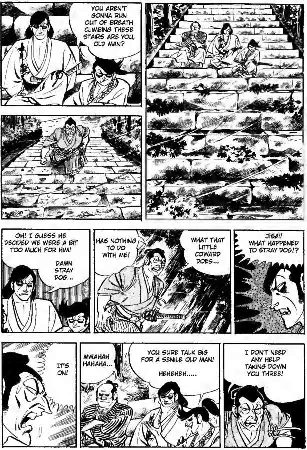
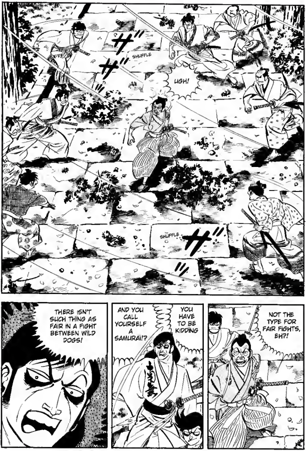
*FOOTSTEPS
CROSS YOUR FINGERS!
MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US...


NGH!


YOU AREN'T GONNA RUN OUT OF BREATH CLIMBING THESE STAIRS ARE YOU, OLD MAN?
OH! I GUESS HE DECIDED WE WERE A BIT TOO MUCH FOR HIM!
DAMN STRAY DOG...
WHAT THAT LITTLE COWARD DOES...
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
JISAI! WHAT HAPPENED TO STRAY DOG!?
IT'S ON!
MWAHAH HAHAHA...
YOU SURE TALK BIG FOR A SENILE OLD MAN!
HEHEHEH.....
I DON'T NEED ANY HELP TAKING DOWN YOU THREE!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SHUFFLE
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UGH!
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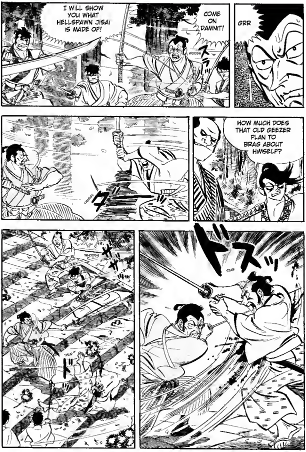
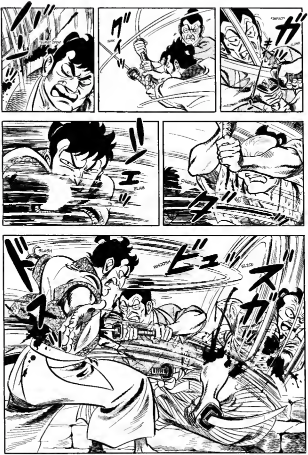
SHUFFLE
NOT THE TYPE FOR FAIR FIGHTS, EH?!
YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A SAMURAI!?
THERE ISN'T SUCH THING AS FAIR IN A FIGHT BETWEEN WILD DOGS!


GRR
COME ON DAMNIT!
I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT HELLSPAWN JISAI IS MADE OF!
WOOSH
HOW MUCH DOES THAT OLD GEEZER PLAN TO BRAG ABOUT HIMSELF?
CHARGE
STAB
WHOOSH
THUD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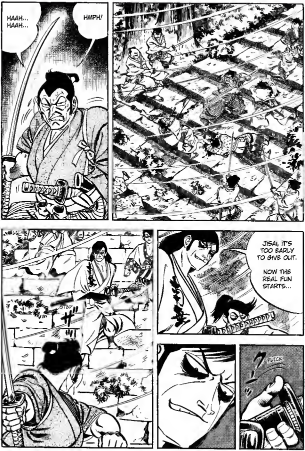
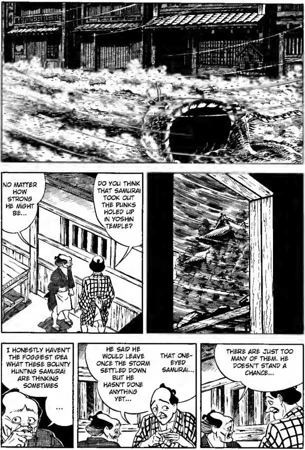
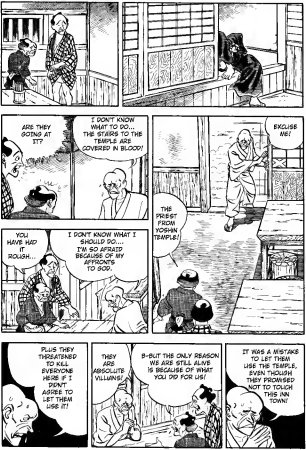
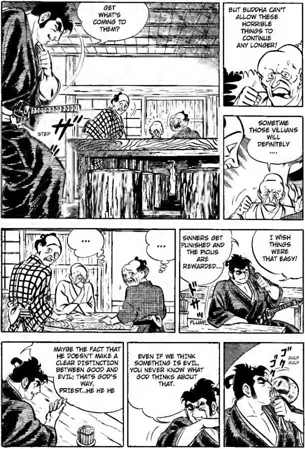

HAAH... HAAH...
HMPH!
STEP
JISAI, IT'S TOO EARLY TO GIVE OUT.
NOW THE REAL FUN STARTS...
FLICK


DO YOU THINK THAT SAMURAI TOOK OUT THE PUNKS HOLED UP IN YOSHIN TEMPLE?
NO MATTER HOW STRONG HE MIGHT BE...
THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY OF THEM. HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE...
THAT ONE-EYED SAMURAI...
HE SAID HE WOULD LEAVE ONCE THE STORM SETTLED DOWN BUT HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING YET...
...
I HONESTLY HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST IDEA WHAT THESE BOUNTY HUNTING SAMURAI ARE THINKING SOMETIMES


ARE THEY GOING AT IT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO... THE STAIRS TO THE TEMPLE ARE COVERED IN BLOOD!
EXCUSE ME!
THE PRIEST FROM YOSHIN TEMPLE!
YOU HAVE HAD IT ROUGH...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO.... I'M SO AFRAID BECAUSE OF MY AFFRONTS TO GOD.
PLUS THEY THREATENED TO KILL EVERYONE HERE IF I DIDN'T AGREE TO LET THEM USE IT!
THEY ARE ABSOLUTE VILLIANS!
B-BUT THE ONLY REASON WE ARE STILL ALIVE IS BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID FOR US!
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO LET THEM USE THE TEMPLE, EVEN THOUGH THEY PROMISED NOT TO TOUCH THIS INN TOWN!


BUT BUDDHA CAN'T ALLOW THESE HORRIBLE THINGS TO CONTINUE ANY LONGER!
SOMETIME THOSE VILLIANS WILL DEFINITELY ....
GET WHAT'S COMING TO THEM?
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STEP
SINNERS GET PUNISHED AND THE PIOUS ARE REWARDED...
I WISH THINGS WERE THAT EASY!
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FLUMP
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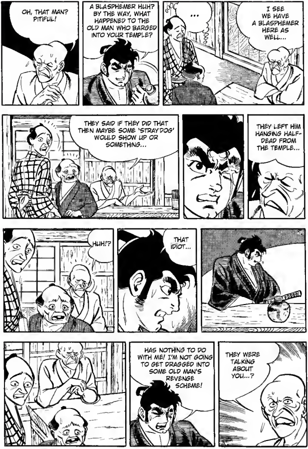
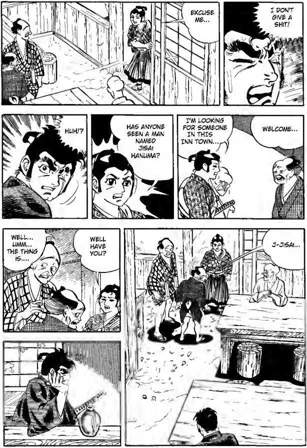
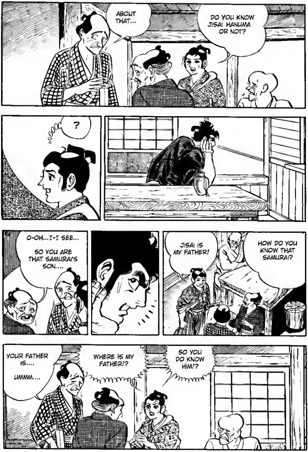
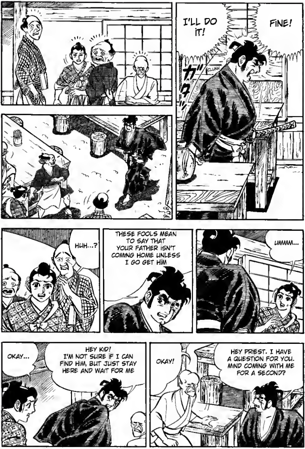
GULP GULP
EVEN IF WE THINK SOMETHING IS EVIL, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT THAT.
MAYBE THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T MAKE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL; THATS GOD'S WAY, PRIEST..HE HE HE


...
I SEE WE HAVE A BLASPHEMER HERE AS WELL...
A BLASPHEMER HUH? BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD MAN WHO BARGED INTO YOUR TEMPLE?
OH, THAT MAN? PITIFUL!
THEY LEFT HIM HANGING HALF-DEAD FROM THE TEMPLE...
THEY SAID IF THEY DID THAT THEN MAYBE SOME 'STRAY DOG' WOULD SHOW UP OR SOMETHING...
THAT IDIOT...
HUH!?
THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT YOU...?
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME! I'M NOT GOING TO GET DRAGGED INTO SOME OLD MAN'S REVENGE SCHEME!


EXCUSE ME...
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT!
HUH!?
HAS ANYONE SEEN A MAN NAMED JISAI HANUMA?
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE IN THIS INN TOWN....
WELCOME...
WELL... UMM... THE THING IS....
WELL HAVE YOU?
J-JISAI...


DO YOU KNOW JISAI HANUMA OR NOT?
ABOUT THAT...
?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT SAMURAI?
JISAI IS MY FATHER!
O-OH...I-I SEE... SO YOU ARE THAT SAMURAI'S SON....
SO YOU DO KNOW HIM!?
WHERE IS MY FATHER!?
YOUR FATHER IS.... UMMM....


I'LL DO IT!
FINE!
CLUNK
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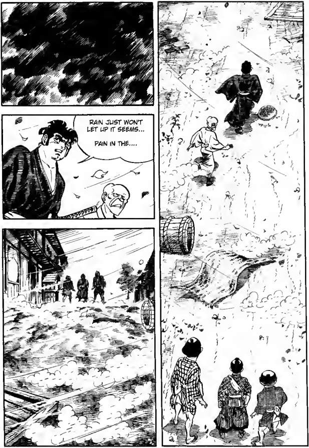
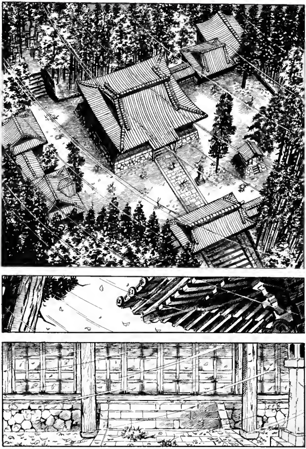
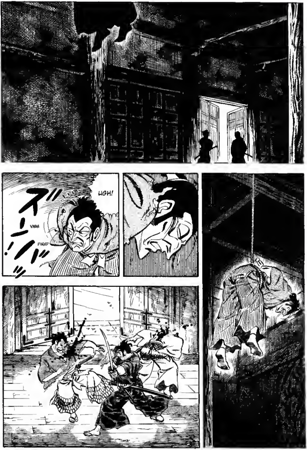
HUH...?
THESE FOOLS MEAN TO SAY THAT YOUR FATHER ISN'T COMING HOME UNLESS I GO GET HIM
UMMM...
OKAY...
HEY KID! I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN FIND HIM, BUT JUST STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR ME
OKAY!
HEY PRIEST. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. MIND COMING WITH ME FOR A SECOND?


RAIN JUST WON'T LET UP IT SEEMS...

PAIN IN THE....

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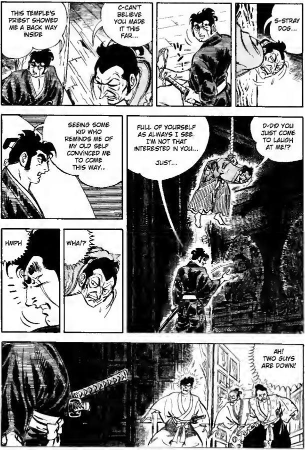
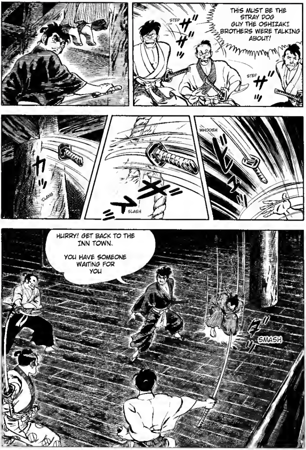
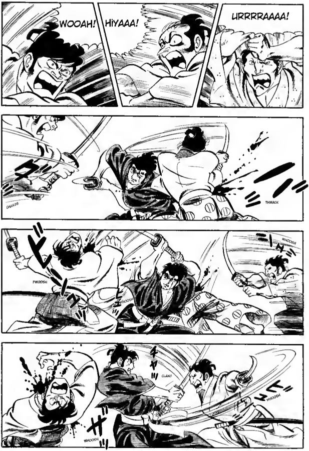
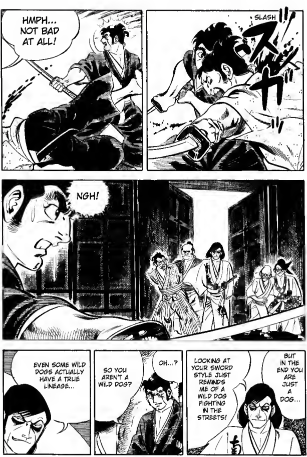
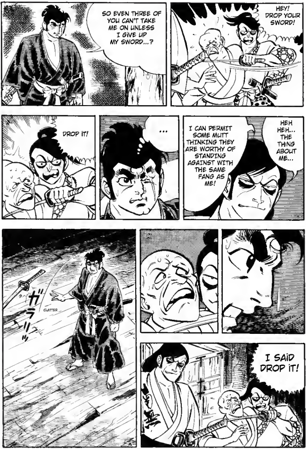
VMM
FWAP

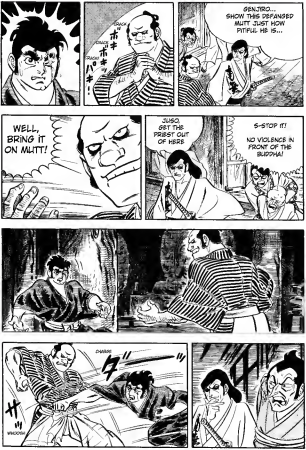

THIS TEMPLE'S PRIEST SHOWED ME A BACK WAY INSIDE
C-CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE IT THIS FAR...
S-STRAY DOG...
SEEING SOME KID WHO REMINDS ME OF MY OLD SELF CONVINCED ME TO COME THIS WAY..
D-DID YOU JUST COME TO LAUGH AT ME!?
FULL OF YOURSELF AS ALWAYS I SEE. I'M NOT THAT INTERESTED IN YOU...
JUST...
HMPH
WHA!?
AH! TWO GUYS ARE DOWN!


THIS MUST BE THE STRAY DOG GUY THE OSHIZAKI BROTHERS WERE TALKING ABOUT!
STEP ザ ザ
STEP ザ
WHOOSH ズン
SLASH
カッ CLANG
HURRY! GET BACK TO THE INN TOWN.
YOU HAVE SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU
SMASH


WOOAH!
HIYAAA!
URRRRAAAA!
CHARGE
THWACK
FWOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
CLANG
WHOOSH
WHOOSH


SLASH
HMPH... NOT BAD AT ALL!
NGH!
BUT IN THE END YOU ARE JUST A DOG...
LOOKING AT YOUR SWORD STYLE JUST REMINDS ME OF A WILD DOG FIGHTING IN THE STREETS!
OH...?
SO YOU AREN'T A WILD DOG?
EVEN SOME WILD DOGS ACTUALLY HAVE A TRUE LINEAGE...


HEY! DROP YOUR SWORD!
SO EVEN THREE OF YOU CAN'T TAKE ME ON UNLESS I GIVE UP MY SWORD...?
HEH HEH... THE THING ABOUT ME...
I CAN PERMIT SOME MUTT THINKING THEY ARE WORTHY OF STANDING AGAINST WITH THE SAME FANG AS ME!
...
DROP IT!
ガラッ
CLATTER
I SAID DROP IT!


GENJIRO... SHOW THIS DEFANGED MUTT JUST HOW PITIFUL HE IS...
CRACK
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CRACK
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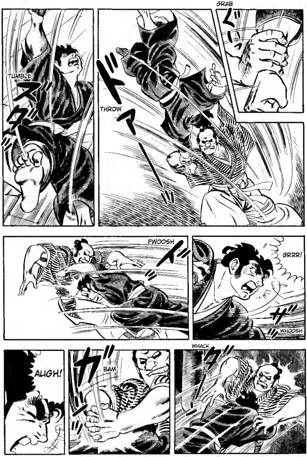
CRACK!
パキ!
S-STOP IT!
NO VIOLENCE IN FRONT OF THE BUDDHA!
JUSO, GET THE PRIEST OUT OF HERE
WELL, BRING IT ON MUTT!
CHARGE
ダッ
ザッ
WHOOSH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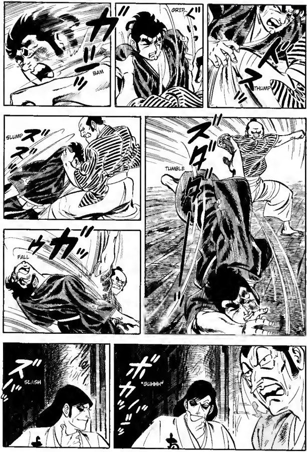
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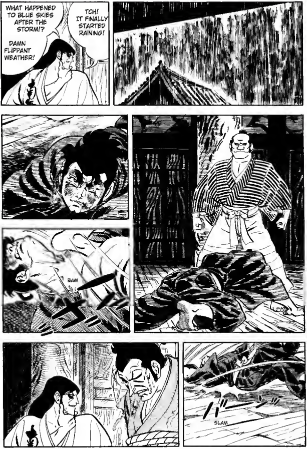
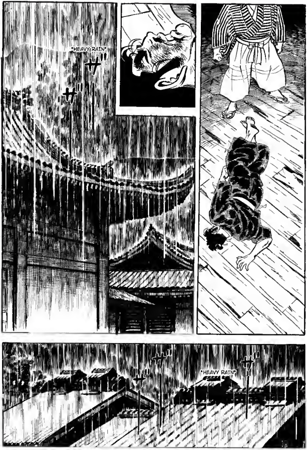
SLASH


TCH! IT FINALLY STARTED RAINING!
WHAT HAPPENED TO BLUE SKIES AFTER THE STORM!?
DAMN FLIPPANT WEATHER!
BAM
SLAM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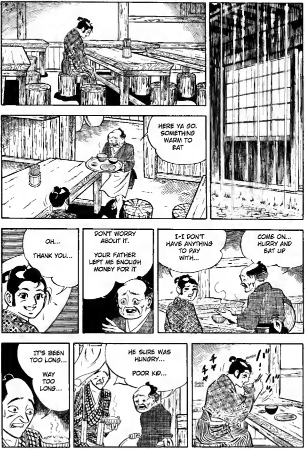
HERE YA GO. SOMETHING WARM TO EAT
COME ON... HURRY AND EAT UP
I-I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PAY WITH...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOUR FATHER LEFT ME ENOUGH MONEY FOR IT
OH... THANK YOU...
MUNCH
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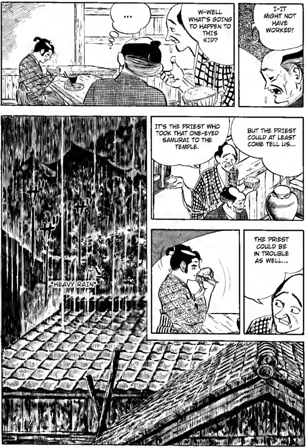
CLACK CLACK
HE SURE WAS HUNGRY... POOR KID...
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG... WAY TOO LONG...


...
W-WELL WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS KID?
I-IT MIGHT NOT HAVE WORKED!
IT'S THE PRIEST WHO TOOK THAT ONE-EYED SAMURAI TO THE TEMPLE.
BUT THE PRIEST COULD AT LEAST COME TELL US...
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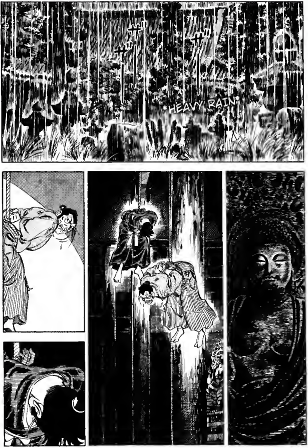
HEAVY RAIN
THE PRIEST COULD BE IN TROUBLE AS WELL...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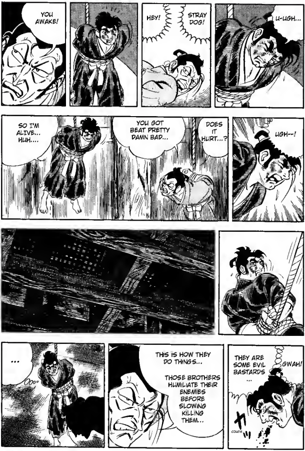
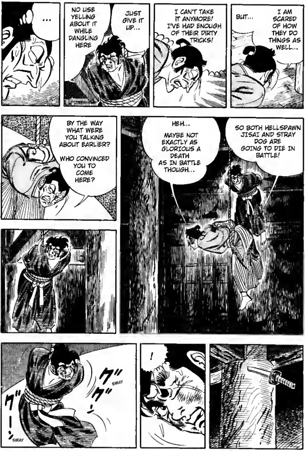

YOU AWAKE!
HEY!
STRAY DOG!
U-UGH...
SO I'M ALIVE... HUH....
YOU GOT BEAT PRETTY DAMN BAD...
DOES IT HURT...?
UGH--!
...
THIS IS HOW THEY DO THINGS...
THOSE BROTHERS HUMILIATE THEIR ENEMIES BEFORE SLOWING KILLING THEM...
THEY ARE SOME EVIL BASTARDS ...
GWAH!
COUGH


...
NO USE YELLING ABOUT IT WHILE DANGLING HERE
JUST GIVE IT UP...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THEIR DIRTY TRICKS!
BUT...
I AM SCARED OF HOW THEY DO THINGS AS WELL...
BY THE WAY WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT EARLIER?
WHO CONVINCED YOU TO COME HERE?
HEH...
MAYBE NOT EXACTLY AS GLORIOUS A DEATH AS IN BATTLE THOUGH...
SO BOTH HELLSPAWN JISAI AND STRAY DOG ARE GOING TO DIE IN BATTLE!
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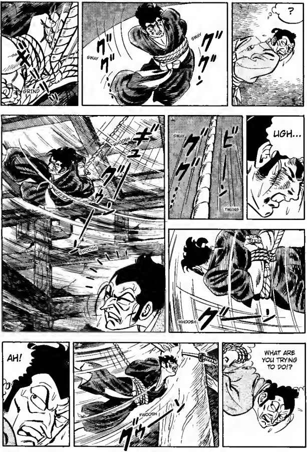
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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO!?
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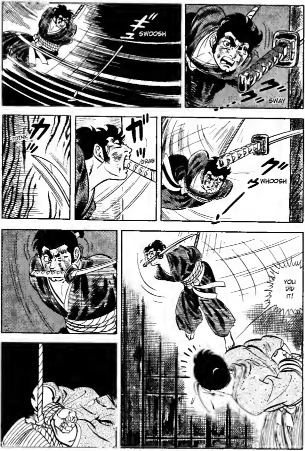
AH!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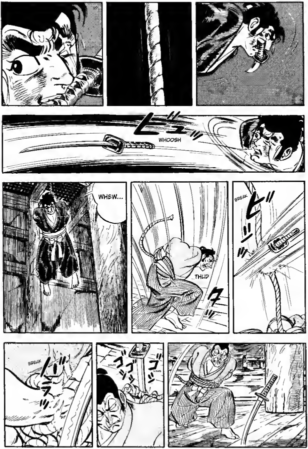
YOU DID IT!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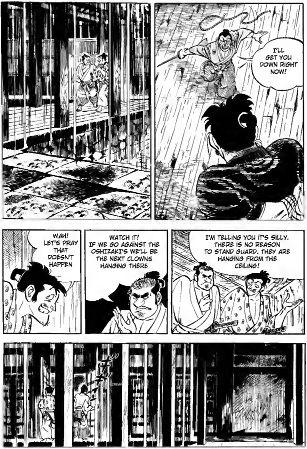
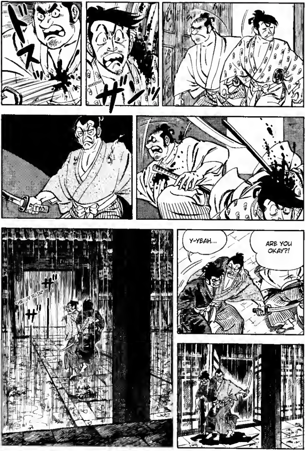

I'LL GET YOU DOWN RIGHT NOW!
WAH! LET'S PRAY THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN
WATCH IT! IF WE GO AGAINST THE OSHIZAKI'S WE'LL BE THE NEXT CLOWNS HANGING THERE
I'M TELLING YOU IT'S SILLY. THERE IS NO REASON TO STAND GUARD. THEY ARE HANGING FROM THE CEILING!
CREAK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ARE YOU OKAY?!
Y-YEAH...
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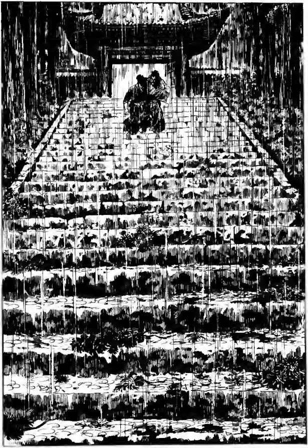
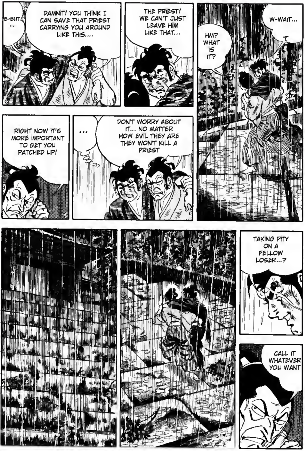
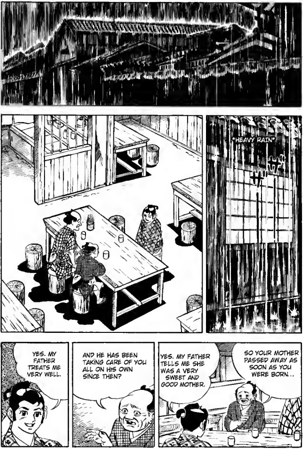



B-BUT ...
DAMNIT! YOU THINK I CAN SAVE THAT PRIEST CARRYING YOU AROUND LIKE THIS....
THE PRIEST! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT...
RIGHT NOW IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO GET YOU PATCHED UP!
...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... NO MATTER HOW EVIL THEY ARE THEY WON'T KILL A PRIEST
W-WAIT...
HM? WHAT IS IT?
TAKING PITY ON A FELLOW LOSER...?
CALL IT WHATEVER YOU WANT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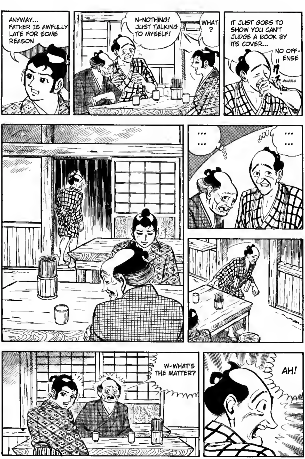
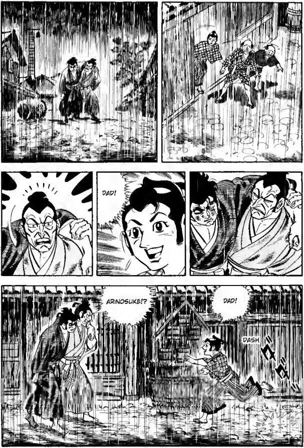
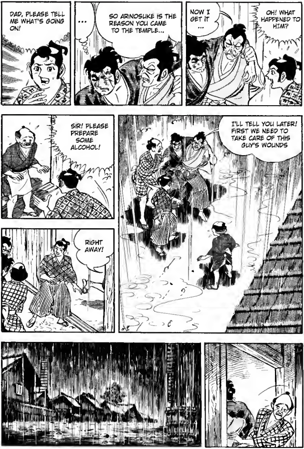
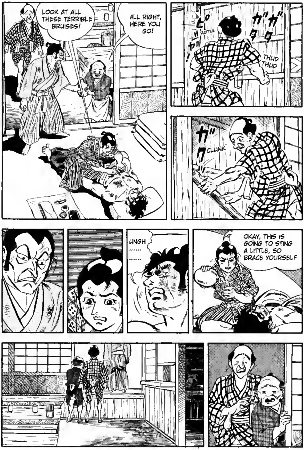
SO YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY AS SOON AS YOU WERE BORN...
YES. MY FATHER TELLS ME SHE WAS A VERY SWEET AND GOOD MOTHER.
AND HE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF YOU ALL ON HIS OWN SINCE THEN?
YES. MY FATHER TREATS ME VERY WELL.


IT JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER...
NO OFF-ENSE
MUMBLE
WHAT?
N-NOTHING! JUST TALKING TO MYSELF!
ANYWAY... FATHER IS AWFULLY LATE FOR SOME REASON
...
...
...
...
AH!
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER?


DAD!
ARINOSUKE!?
DAD!
DASH


DAD, PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!
...
SO ARINOSUKE IS THE REASON YOU CAME TO THE TEMPLE...
NOW I GET IT ...
OH! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
SIR! PLEASE PREPARE SOME ALCOHOL!
I'LL TELL YOU LATER! FIRST WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY'S WOUNDS
RIGHT AWAY!


LOOK AT ALL THESE TERRIBLE BRUISES!
ALL RIGHT, HERE YOU GO!
ピシャ!
RATTLE
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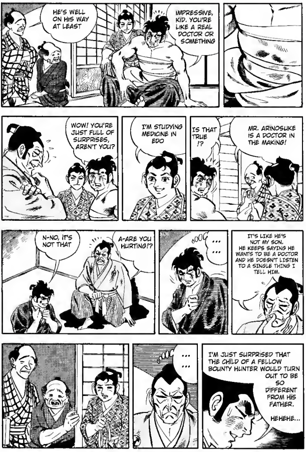
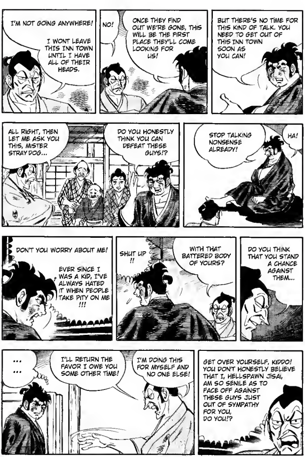
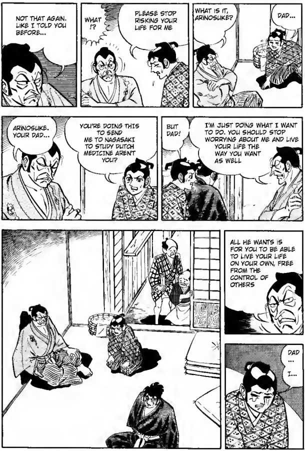
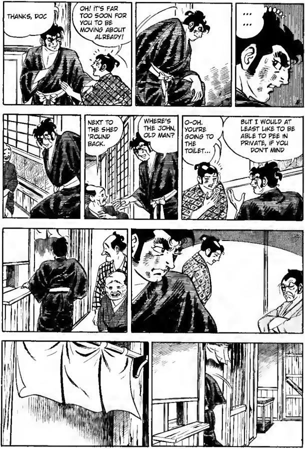
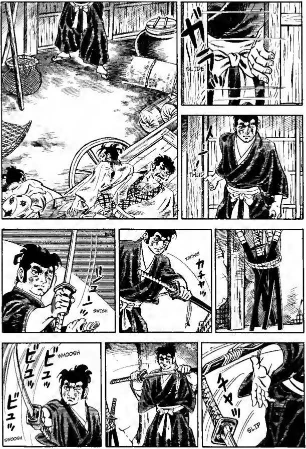
CLUNK
UNGH ......
OKAY, THIS IS GOING TO STING A LITTLE, SO BRACE YOURSELF


HE'S WELL ON HIS WAY AT LEAST
IMPRESSIVE, KID. YOU'RE LIKE A REAL DOCTOR OR SOMETHING
WOW! YOU'RE JUST FULL OF SURPRISES, AREN'T YOU?
I'M STUDYING MEDICINE IN EDO
IS THAT TRUE !?
MR. ARINOSUKE IS A DOCTOR IN THE MAKING!
A-ARE YOU HURTING!?
N-NO, IT'S NOT THAT
...
...
IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT MY SON. HE KEEPS SAYING HE WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR AND HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO A SINGLE THING I TELL HIM.
...
...
I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT THE CHILD OF A FELLOW BOUNTY HUNTER WOULD TURN OUT TO BE SO DIFFERENT FROM HIS FATHER.
HEHEHE...


I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
I WONT LEAVE THIS INN TOWN UNTIL I HAVE ALL OF THEIR HEADS.
NO!
ONCE THEY FIND OUT WE'RE GONE, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST PLACE THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR US!
BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS KIND OF TALK. YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS INN TOWN SOON AS YOU CAN!
ALL RIGHT, THEN LET ME ASK YOU THIS, MISTER STRAY DOG...
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT THESE GUYS!?
STOP TALKING NONSENSE ALREADY!
HA!
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT ME!
EVER SINCE I WAS A KID, I'VE ALWAYS HATED IT WHEN PEOPLE TAKE PITY ON ME !!!
SHUT UP !!
WITH THAT BATTERED BODY OF YOURS?
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THEM...
... ...
I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR I OWE YOU SOME OTHER TIME!
I'M DOING THIS FOR MYSELF AND NO ONE ELSE!
GET OVER YOURSELF, KIDDO! YOU DON'T HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT I, HELLSPAWN JISAI, AM SO SENILE AS TO FACE OFF AGAINST THESE GUYS JUST OUT OF SYMPATHY FOR YOU, DO YOU!?


DAD...
WHAT IS IT, ARINOSUKE?
PLEASE STOP RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR ME
WHAT !?
NOT THAT AGAIN. LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE...
I'M JUST DOING WHAT I WANT TO DO. YOU SHOULD STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME AND LIVE YOUR LIFE THE WAY YOU WANT AS WELL
BUT DAD!
YOU'RE DOING THIS TO SEND ME TO NAGASAKI TO STUDY DUTCH MEDICINE AREN'T YOU?
ARINOSUKE. YOUR DAD...
ALL HE WANTS IS FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE ON YOUR OWN, FREE FROM THE CONTROL OF OTHERS
DAD ... I...


THANKS, DOC
OH! IT'S FAR TOO SOON FOR YOU TO BE MOVING ABOUT ALREADY!
...
...
WHERE'S THE JOHN, OLD MAN?
NEXT TO THE SHED 'ROUND BACK.
O-OH. YOU'RE GOING TO THE TOILET...
BUT I WOULD AT LEAST LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PEE IN PRIVATE, IF YOU DON'T MIND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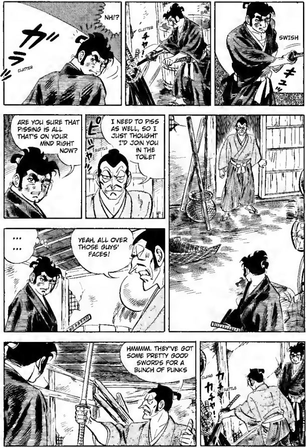
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ARE YOU SURE THAT PISSING IS ALL THAT'S ON YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW?
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RATTLE
I NEED TO PISS AS WELL, SO I JUST THOUGHT I'D JOIN YOU IN THE TOILET
...
...
YEAH, ALL OVER THOSE GUYS' FACES!
HMMMM. THEY'VE GOT SOME PRETTY GOOD SWORDS FOR A BUNCH OF PUNKS
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RATTLE
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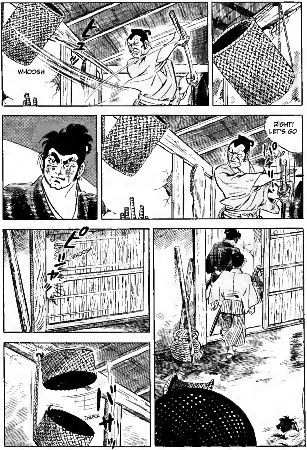
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WHOOSH
RIGHT! LET'S GO
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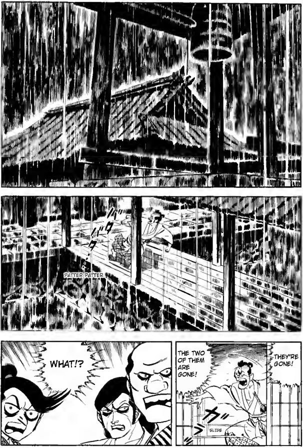
バサッ
THUNK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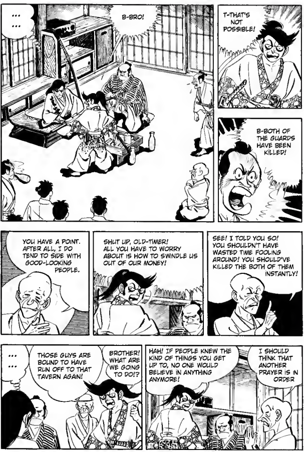
THEY'RE GONE!
THE TWO OF THEM ARE GONE!
SLIDE
WHAT!?


B-BRO!
...
...
B-BOTH OF THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN KILLED!
T-THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
SEE! I TOLD YOU SO! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE WASTED TIME FOOLING AROUND! YOU SHOULD'VE KILLED THE BOTH OF THEM INSTANTLY!
SHUT UP, OLD-TIMER! ALL YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS HOW TO SWINDLE US OUT OF OUR MONEY!
YOU HAVE A POINT. AFTER ALL, I DO TEND TO SIDE WITH GOOD-LOOKING PEOPLE.
I SHOULD THINK THAT ANOTHER PRAYER IS IN ORDER
HAH! IF PEOPLE KNEW THE KIND OF THINGS YOU GET UP TO, NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IN ANYTHING ANYMORE!
BROTHER! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO!?
THOSE GUYS ARE BOUND TO HAVE RUN OFF TO THAT TAVERN AGAIN!
...
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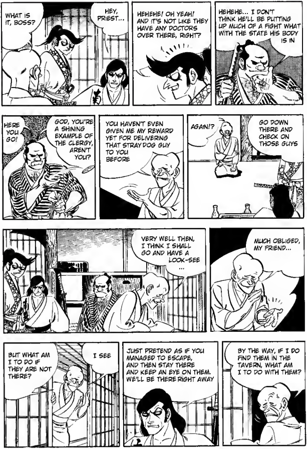
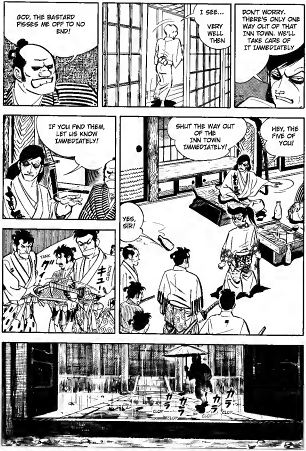

HEHEHE... I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE PUTTING UP MUCH OF A FIGHT WHAT WITH THE STATE HIS BODY IS IN
HEHEHE! OH YEAH! AND IT'S NOT LIKE THEY HAVE ANY DOCTORS OVER THERE, RIGHT?
HEY, PRIEST...
WHAT IS IT, BOSS?
GO DOWN THERE AND CHECK ON THOSE GUYS
AGAIN!?
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN ME MY REWARD YET FOR DELIVERING THAT STRAY DOG GUY TO YOU BEFORE
GOD, YOU'RE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE CLERGY, AREN'T YOU?
HERE YOU GO!
MUCH OBLIGED, MY FRIEND...
VERY WELL THEN, I THINK I SHALL GO AND HAVE A LOOK-SEE ...
BY THE WAY, IF I DO FIND THEM IN THE TAVERN, WHAT AM I TO DO WITH THEM?
JUST PRETEND AS IF YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE, AND THEN STAY THERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THEM. WE'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY
I SEE
BUT WHAT AM I TO DO IF THEY ARE NOT THERE?


DON'T WORRY. THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THAT INN TOWN. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT IMMEDIATELY
I SEE... VERY WELL THEN
GOD, THE BASTARD PISSES ME OFF TO NO END!
HEY, THE FIVE OF YOU!
SHUT THE WAY OUT OF THE INN TOWN IMMEDIATELY!
YES, SIR!
IF YOU FIND THEM, LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY!
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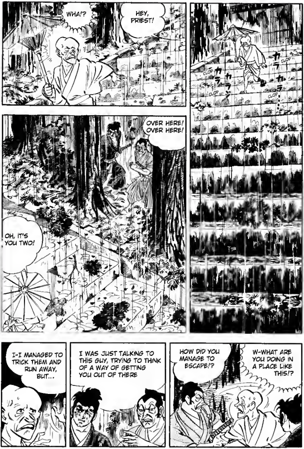
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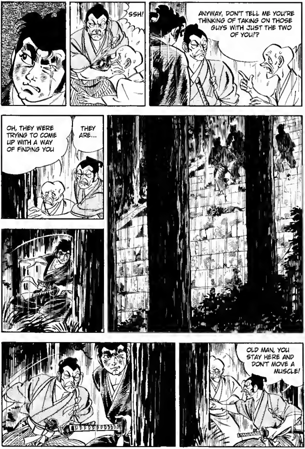
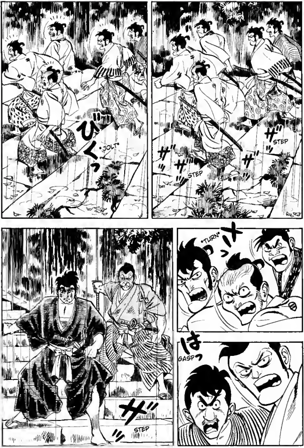
HEY, PRIEST!
WHA!?
OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
OH, IT'S YOU TWO!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO ESCAPE!?
I WAS JUST TALKING TO THIS GUY, TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY OF GETTING YOU OUT OF THERE
I-I MANAGED TO TRICK THEM AND RUN AWAY, BUT...


ANYWAY, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THINKING OF TAKING ON THOSE GUYS WITH JUST THE TWO OF YOU!?
SSH!
THEY ARE...
OH, THEY WERE TRYING TO COME UP WITH A WAY OF FINDING YOU
OLD MAN, YOU STAY HERE AND DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE!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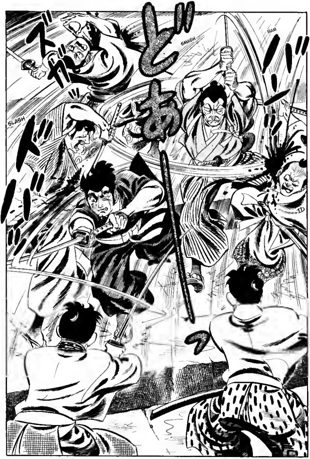
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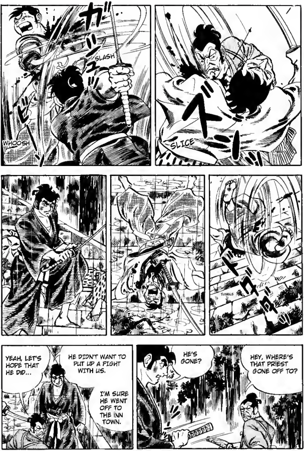
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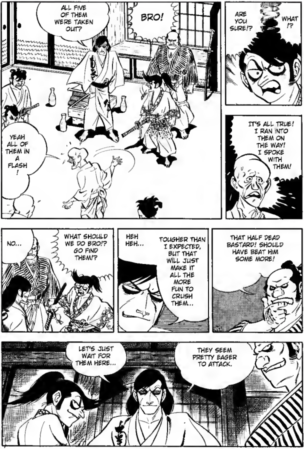
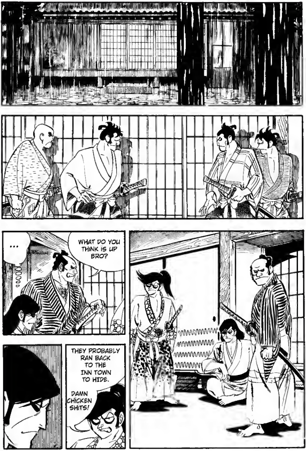
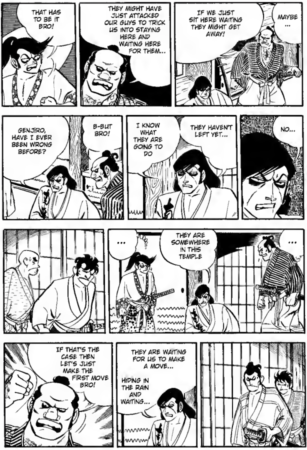
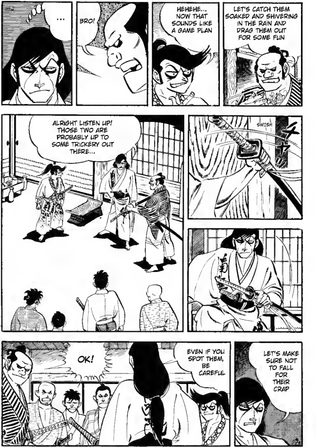
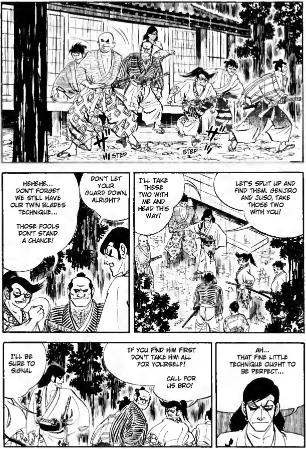
TUMBLE
HEY, WHERE'S THAT PRIEST GONE OFF TO?
HE'S GONE?
HE DIDN'T WANT TO PUT UP A FIGHT WITH US.
I'M SURE HE WENT OFF TO THE INN TOWN.
YEAH, LET'S HOPE THAT HE DID...


ALL FIVE OF THEM WERE TAKEN OUT?
BRO!
YEAH ALL OF THEM IN A FLASH!
WHAT!?
ARE YOU SURE!?
IT'S ALL TRUE! I RAN INTO THEM ON THE WAY! I SPOKE WITH THEM!
NO...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO BRO!? GO FIND THEM!?
HEH HEH...
TOUGHER THAN I EXPECTED, BUT THAT WILL JUST MAKE IT ALL THE MORE FUN TO CRUSH THEM...
THAT HALF DEAD BASTARD! SHOULD HAVE BEAT HIM SOME MORE!
LET'S JUST WAIT FOR THEM HERE...
THEY SEEM PRETTY EAGER TO ATTACK.


WHAT DO YOU THINK IS UP BRO?
...
THEY PROBABLY RAN BACK TO THE INN TOWN TO HIDE.
DAMN CHICKEN SHITS!


THAT HAS TO BE IT BRO!
THEY MIGHT HAVE JUST ATTACKED OUR GUYS TO TRICK US INTO STAYING HERE AND WAITING HERE FOR THEM...
IF WE JUST SIT HERE WAITING THEY MIGHT GET AWAY!
MAYBE ...
GENJIRO, HAVE I EVER BEEN WRONG BEFORE?
B-BUT BRO!
I KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO
THEY HAVEN'T LEFT YET...
NO...
...
THEY ARE SOMEWHERE IN THIS TEMPLE
...
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN LET'S JUST MAKE THE FIRST MOVE BRO!
THEY ARE WAITING FOR US TO MAKE A MOVE...
HIDING IN THE RAIN AND WAITING...


LET'S CATCH THEM SOAKED AND SHIVERING IN THE RAIN AND DRAG THEM OUT FOR SOME FUN
HEHEHE... NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GAME PLAN
BRO!
...
SWISH
ALRIGHT LISTEN UP! THOSE TWO ARE PROBABLY UP TO SOME TRICKERY OUT THERE...
LET'S MAKE SURE NOT TO FALL FOR THEIR CRAP
EVEN IF YOU SPOT THEM, BE CAREFUL
OK!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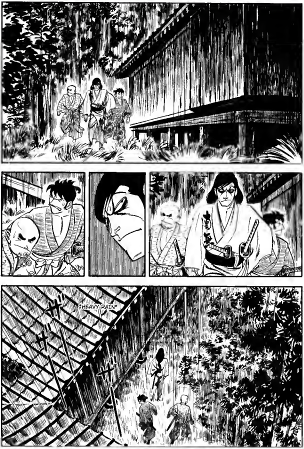
STEP
LET'S SPLIT UP AND FIND THEM. GENJIRO AND JUSO, TAKE THOSE TWO WITH YOU!
I'LL TAKE THESE TWO WITH ME AND HEAD THIS WAY!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, ALRIGHT?
HEHEHE... DON'T FORGET WE STILL HAVE OUR TWIN BLADES TECHNIQUE...
THOSE FOOLS DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
AH... THAT FINE LITTLE TECHNIQUE OUGHT TO BE PERFECT...
IF YOU FIND HIM FIRST DON'T TAKE HIM ALL FOR YOURSELF!
CALL FOR US BRO!
I'LL BE SURE TO SIGNAL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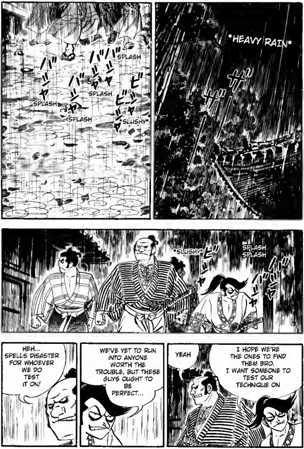
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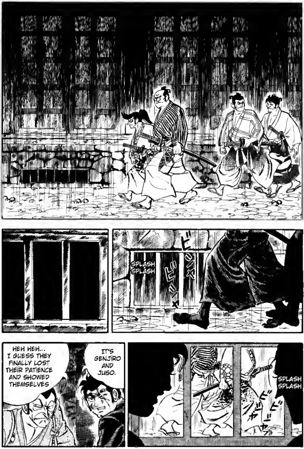
I HOPE WE'RE THE ONES TO FIND THEM BRO. I WANT SOMEONE TO TEST OUR TECHNIQUE ON
YEAH
WE'VE YET TO RUN INTO ANYONE WORTH THE TROUBLE, BUT THESE GUYS OUGHT TO BE PERFECT...
HEH... SPELLS DISASTER FOR WHOEVER WE DO TEST IT ON!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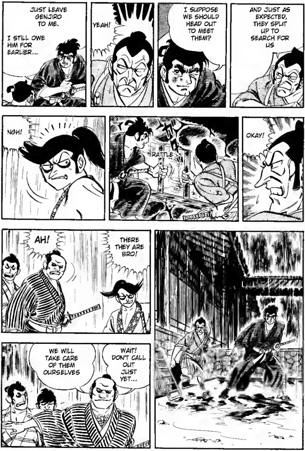
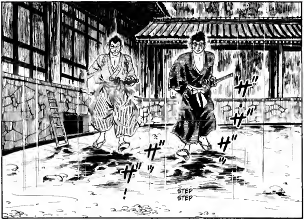
IT'S GENJIRO AND JUSO.
HEH HEH... I GUESS THEY FINALLY LOST THEIR PATIENCE AND SHOWED THEMSELVES


AND JUST AS EXPECTED, THEY SPLIT UP TO SEARCH FOR US
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD HEAD OUT TO MEET THEM?
YEAH!
JUST LEAVE GENJIRO TO ME.
I STILL OWE HIM FOR EARLIER...
OKAY!
RATTLE
NGH!
THERE THEY ARE BRO!
AH!
WAIT! DON'T CALL OUT JUST YET...
WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM OURSELVES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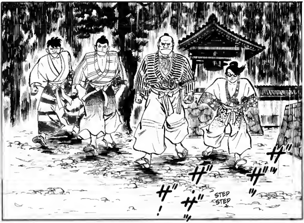
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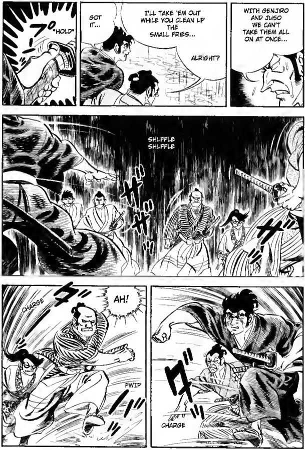
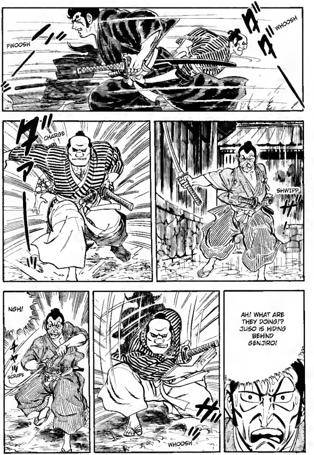

WITH GENJIRO AND JUSO WE CAN'T TAKE THEM ALL ON AT ONCE...
I'LL TAKE 'EM OUT WHILE YOU CLEAN UP THE SMALL FRIES...
ALRIGHT?
GOT IT...
"HOLD"
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
CHARGE
AH!
CHARGE
FWIP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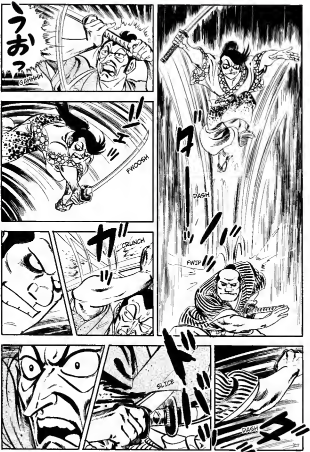
AH! WHAT ARE THEY DOING!? JUSO IS HIDING BEHIND GENJIRO!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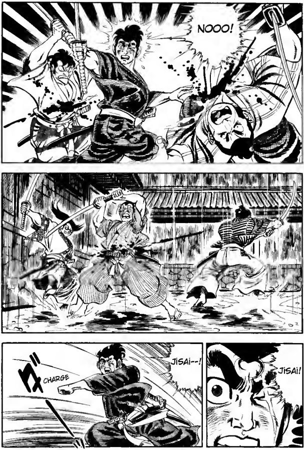
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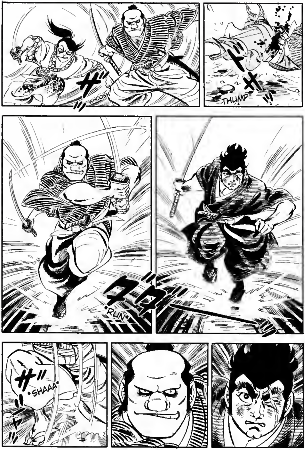
CHARGE
JiSAi!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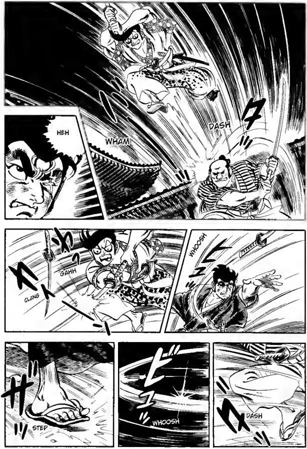
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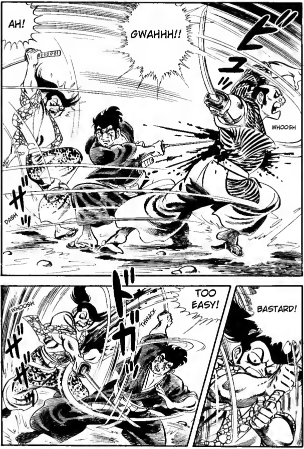
STEP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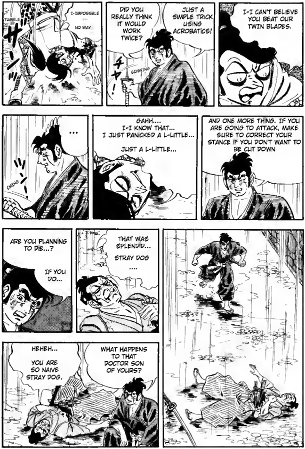
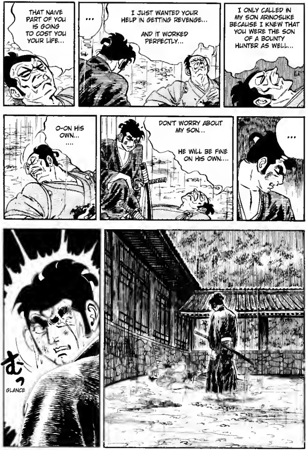
THWACK
TOO EASY!
BASTARD!


TUMBLE
I-IMPOSSIBLE
NO WAY
DID YOU REALLY THINK IT WOULD WORK TWICE?
JUST A SIMPLE TRICK USING ACROBATICS!
SCHWING
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU BEAT OUR TWIN BLADES.
...
CHING
GAHH.... I-I KNOW THAT... I JUST PANICKED A L-LITTLE...
JUST A L-LITTLE...
AND ONE MORE THING. IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTACK, MAKE SURE TO CORRECT YOUR STANCE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CUT DOWN
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DIE...?
IF YOU DO...
THAT WAS SPLENDID...
STRAY DOG ....
HEHEH...
YOU ARE SO NAIVE STRAY DOG.
WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT DOCTOR SON OF YOURS?


I ONLY CALLED IN MY SON ARINOSUKE BECAUSE I KNEW THAT YOU WERE THE SON OF A BOUNTY HUNTER AS WELL...
I JUST WANTED YOUR HELP IN GETTING REVENGE...
AND IT WORKED PERFECTLY...
...
THAT NAIVE PART OF YOU IS GOING TO COST YOU YOUR LIFE...
...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY SON...
HE WILL BE FINE ON HIS OWN....
O-ON HIS OWN... ....
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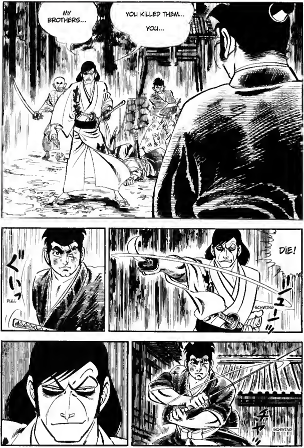
GLANCE


MY BROTHERS...
YOU KILLED THEM... YOU...
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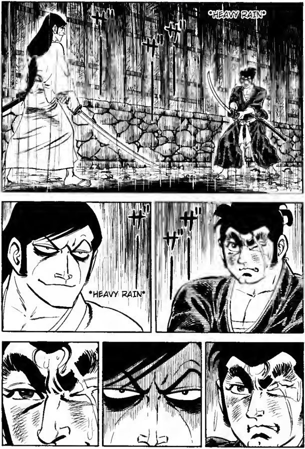
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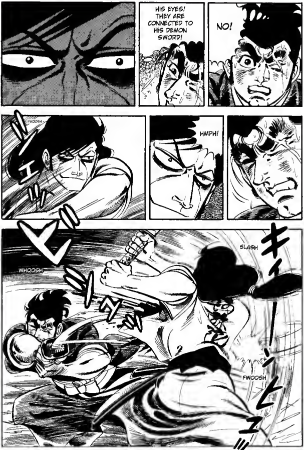
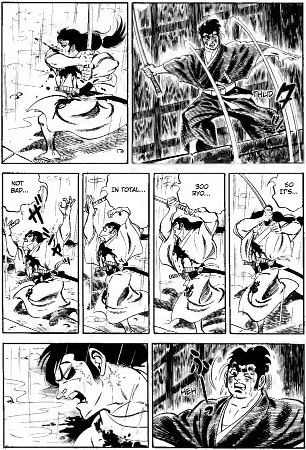

NO!
HIS EYES! THEY ARE CONNECTED TO HIS DEMON SWORD!
HMPH!
FWOOSH
SLASH
WHOOSH
FWOOSH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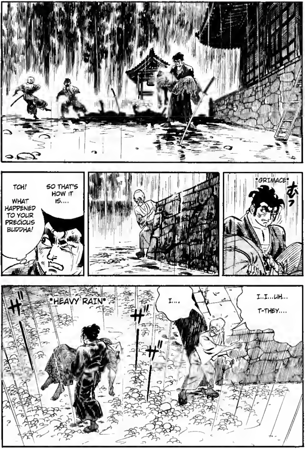
SO IT'S...
300 RYO...
IN TOTAL...
NOT BAD...
HEH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SO THAT'S HOW IT IS....
TCH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PRECIOUS BUDDHA!
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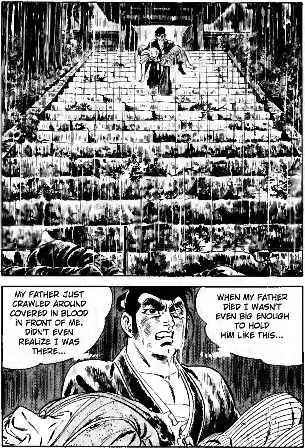
WHEN MY FATHER DIED I WASN'T EVEN BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD HIM LIKE THIS...
MY FATHER JUST CRAWLED AROUND COVERED IN BLOOD IN FRONT OF ME. DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE I WAS THERE...

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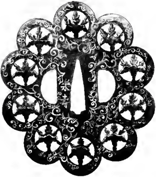

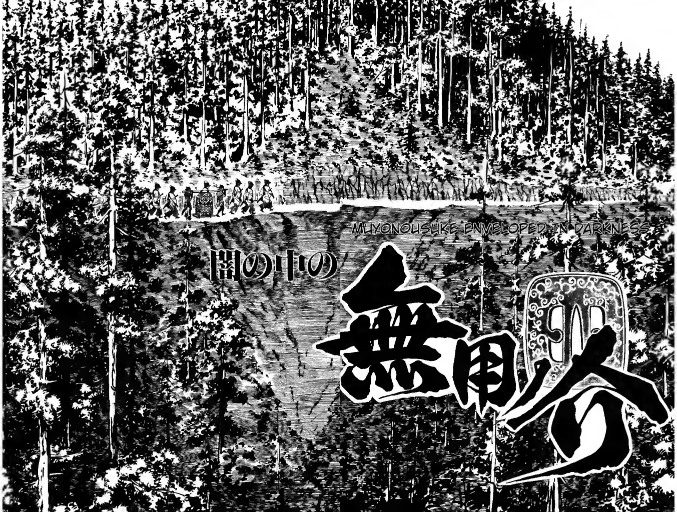
MUYONOUSUKE ENVELOPED IN DARKNESS
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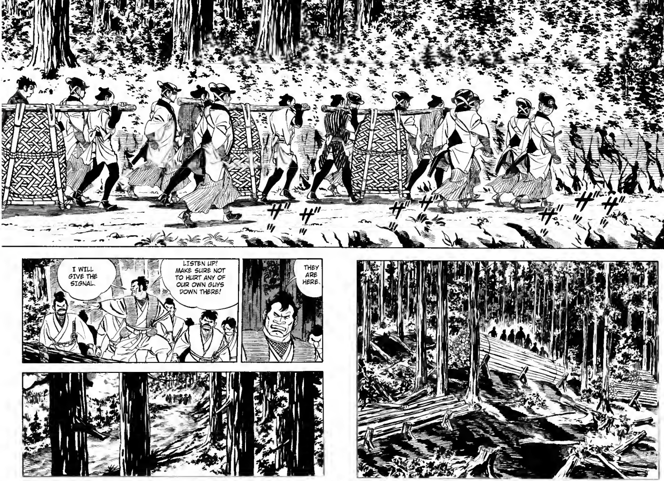
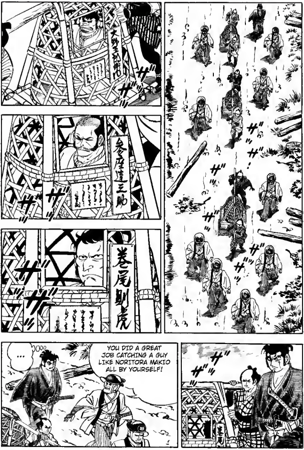

THEY ARE HERE.
LISTEN UP! MAKE SURE NOT TO HURT ANY OF OUR OWN GUYS DOWN THERE!
I WILL GIVE THE SIGNAL.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参座達三助
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巻尾則虎
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...
YOU DID A GREAT JOB CATCHING A GUY LIKE NORITORA MAKIO ALL BY YOURSELF!
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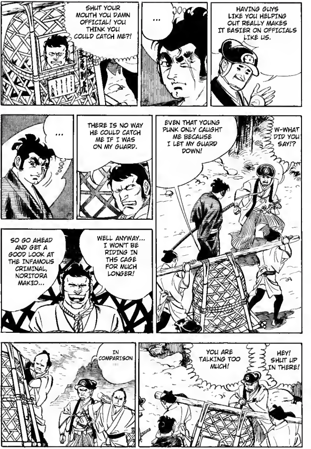
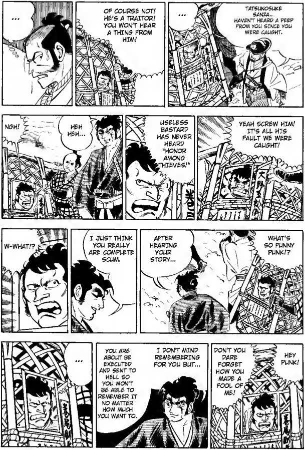

SHUT YOUR MOUTH YOU DAMN OFFICIAL! YOU THINK YOU COULD CATCH ME?!
...
HAVING GUYS LIKE YOU HELPING OUT REALLY MAKES IT EASIER ON OFFICIALS LIKE US.
...
THERE IS NO WAY HE COULD CATCH ME IF I WAS ON MY GUARD.
EVEN THAT YOUNG PUNK ONLY CAUGHT ME BECAUSE I LET MY GUARD DOWN!
W-WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
SO GO AHEAD AND GET A GOOD LOOK AT THE INFAMOUS CRIMINAL, NORITORA MAKIO...
WELL ANYWAY... I WON'T BE RIDING IN THIS CAGE FOR MUCH LONGER!
IN COMPARISON
YOU ARE TALKING TOO MUCH!
HEY! SHUT UP IN THERE!


TATSUNOSUKE SANZA.. HAVEN'T HEARD A PEEP FROM YOU SINCE YOU WERE CAUGHT.
OF COURSE NOT! HE'S A TRAITOR! YOU WON'T HEAR A THING FROM HIM!
...
YEAH SCREW HIM! IT'S ALL HIS FAULT WE WERE CAUGHT!
USELESS BASTARD HAS NEVER HEARD "HONOR AMONG THIEVES!"
HEH HEH...
NGH!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY PUNK!?
AFTER HEARING YOUR STORY...
I JUST THINK YOU REALLY ARE COMPLETE SCUM.
W-WHAT!?
HEY PUNK!
DON'T YOU DARE FORGET HOW YOU MADE A FOOL OF ME!
I DON'T MIND REMEMBERING FOR YOU BUT...
YOU ARE ABOUT BE EXECUTED AND SENT TO HELL SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REMEMBER IT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO.
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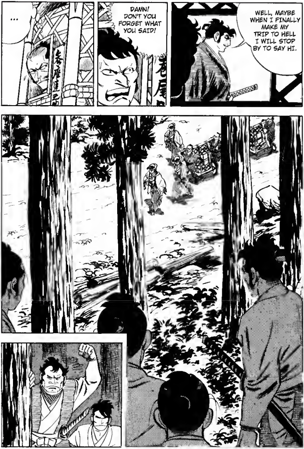
WELL, MAYBE WHEN I FINALLY MAKE MY TRIP TO HELL I WILL STOP BY TO SAY HI.
DAMN! DON'T YOU FORGET WHAT YOU SAID!
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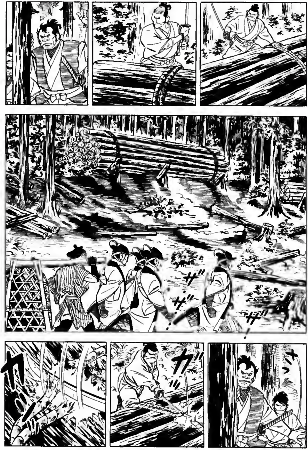
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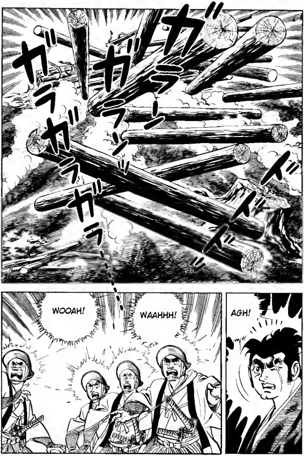
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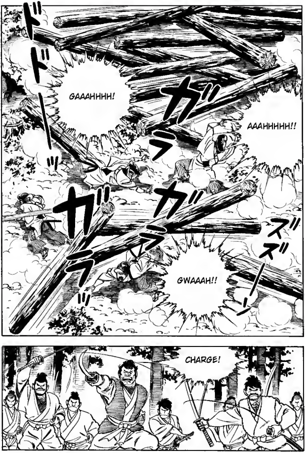
WAAHHH!
WOOAH!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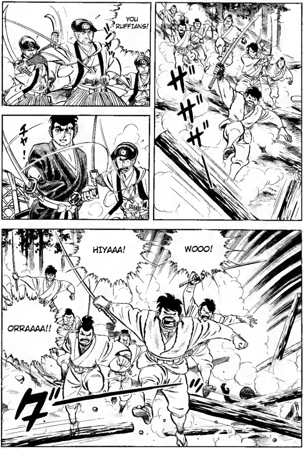
GWAAAH!!
CHARGE!

ザザザ
YOU RUFFIANS!
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WOOO!
HIYAAA!
ORRAAAA!!
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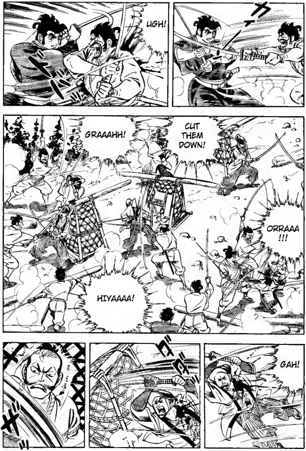
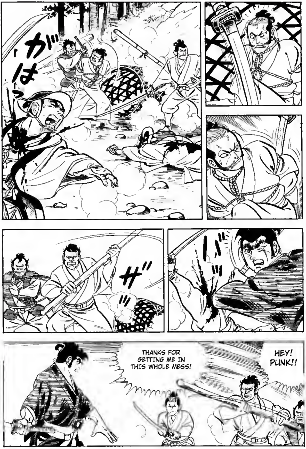

UGH!
GRAAAHH!
CUT THEM DOWN!
ORRAAA!!!
HIYAAAA!
GAH!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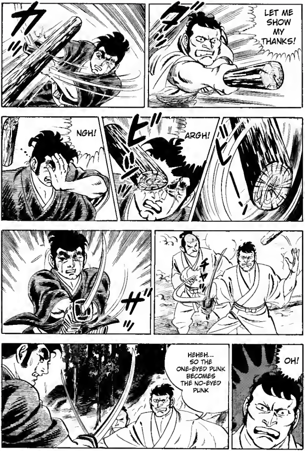
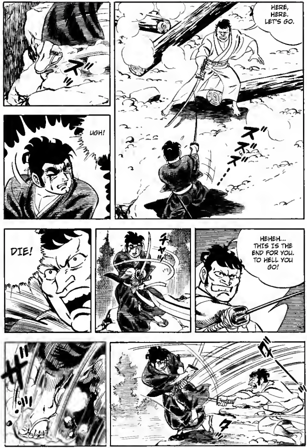
HEY! PUNK!!
THANKS FOR GETTING ME IN THIS WHOLE MESS!


LET ME SHOW MY THANKS!
ARGH!
NGH!
OH!
HEHEH... SO THE ONE-EYED PUNK BECOMES THE NO-EYED PUNK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HERE, HERE. LET'S GO.
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UGH!
DIE!
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HEHEH... THIS IS THE END FOR YOU. TO HELL YOU GO!
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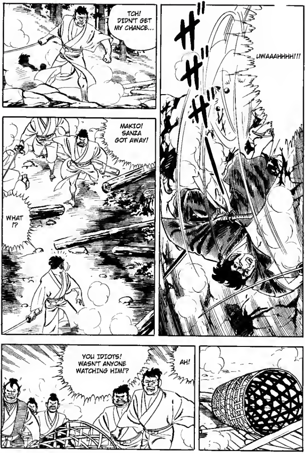
TCH! DIDN'T GET MY CHANCE...
MAKIO! SANZA GOT AWAY!
WHAT !?
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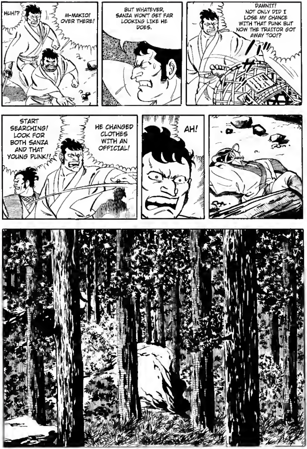
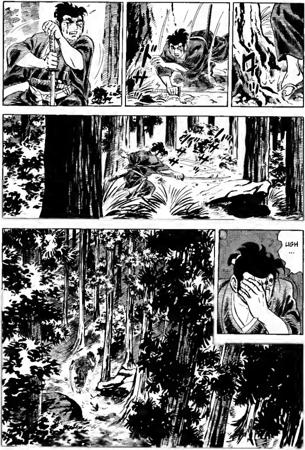
UWAAAHHHH!!!
YOU IDIOTS! WASN'T ANYONE WATCHING HIM!?
AH!


DAMNIT! NOT ONLY DID I LOSE MY CHANCE WITH THAT PUNK BUT NOW THE TRAITOR GOT AWAY TOO!?
BUT WHATEVER, SANZA WON'T GET FAR LOOKING LIKE HE DOES.
HUH!?
M-MAKIO! OVER THERE!
AH!
HE CHANGED CLOTHES WITH AN OFFICIAL!
START SEARCHING! LOOK FOR BOTH SANZA AND THAT YOUNG PUNK!!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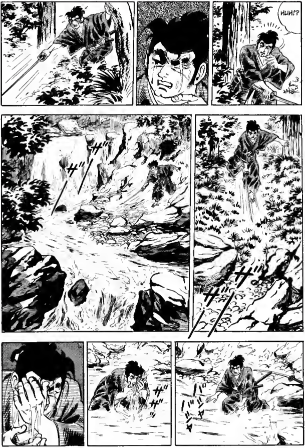
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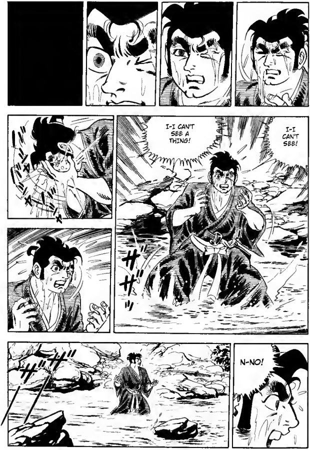
I-I CAN'T SEE A THING!
I-I CAN'T SEE!
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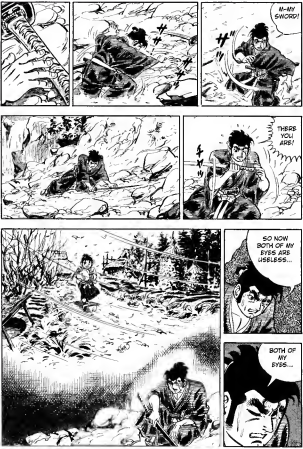
N-NO!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M-MY SWORD!
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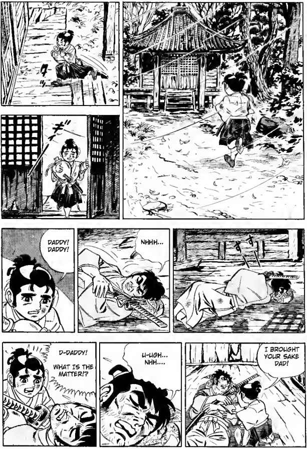
THERE YOU ARE!
SO NOW BOTH OF MY EYES ARE USELESS...
BOTH OF MY EYES...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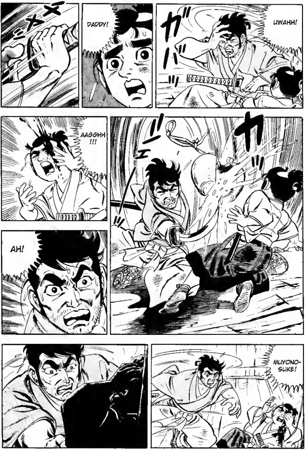
NHHH...
DADDY! DADDY!
I BROUGHT YOUR SAKE DAD!
U-UGH... NHH....
D-DADDY!
WHAT IS THE MATTER!?


DADDY!
UWAHH!
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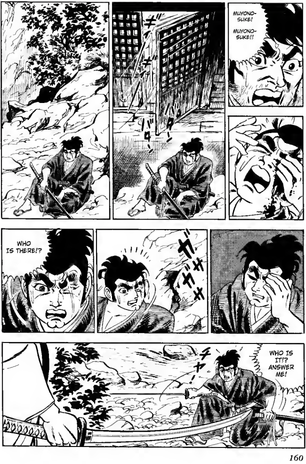
AAGGHH!!!
AH!
MUYONO-SUKE!


MIYONO-SUKE!
MIYONO-SUKE!!
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WHO IS THERE!?
WHO IS IT!? ANSWER ME!
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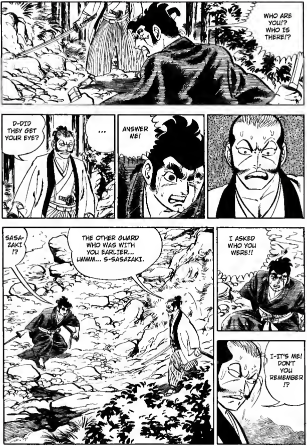
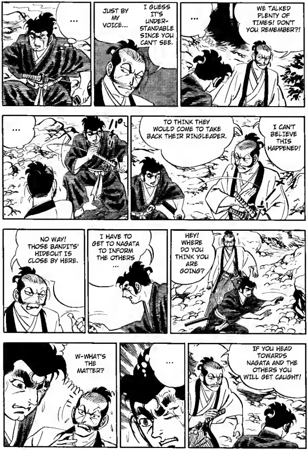
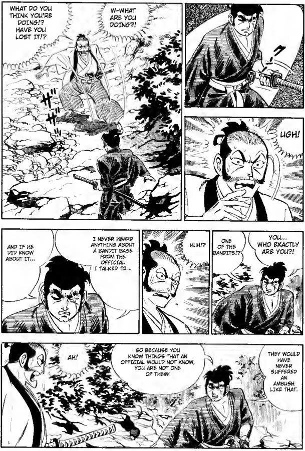
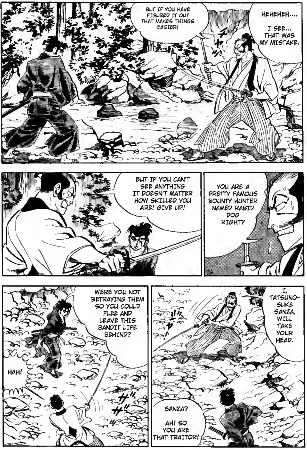
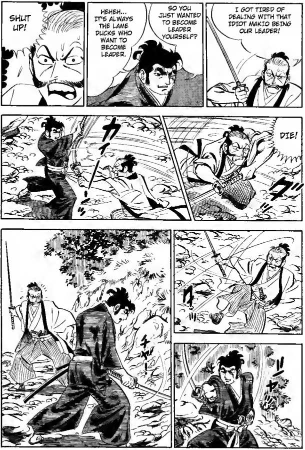

WHO ARE YOU!? WHO IS THERE!?
D-DID THEY GET YOUR EYE?
...
ANSWER ME!
THE OTHER GUARD WHO WAS WITH YOU EARLIER... UMMM... S-SASAZAKI.
SASAZAKI !?
I ASKED WHO YOU WERE!!
I-IT'S ME! DON'T YOU REMEMBER !?


...
JUST BY MY VOICE...
I GUESS IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE.
...
WE TALKED PLENTY OF TIMES! DON'T YOU REMEMBER?!
...
TO THINK THEY WOULD COME TO TAKE BACK THEIR RINGLEADER.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED!
NO WAY! THOSE BANDITS' HIDEOUT IS CLOSE BY HERE.
I HAVE TO GET TO NAGATA TO INFORM THE OTHERS ...
HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...
IF YOU HEAD TOWARDS NAGATA AND THE OTHERS YOU WILL GET CAUGHT!


UGH!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!? HAVE YOU LOST IT!?
YOU... WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU?!
ONE OF THE BANDITS!?
HUH!?
I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT A BANDIT BASE FROM THE OFFICIAL I TALKED TO ..
AND IF HE DID KNOW ABOUT IT...
THEY WOULD HAVE NEVER SUFFERED AN AMBUSH LIKE THAT.
SO BECAUSE YOU KNOW THINGS THAT AN OFFICIAL WOULD NOT KNOW, YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THEM!
AH!


HEHEHEH.... I SEE... THAT WAS MY MISTAKE.
BUT IF YOU HAVE FIGURED IT OUT THAT MAKES THINGS EASIER!
YOU ARE A PRETTY FAMOUS BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED RABID DOG RIGHT?
BUT IF YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW SKILLED YOU ARE! GIVE UP!
I, TATSUNOSUKE SANZA, WILL TAKE YOUR HEAD.
SANZA? AH! SO YOU ARE THAT TRAITOR!
WERE YOU NOT BETRAYING THEM SO YOU COULD FLEE AND LEAVE THIS BANDIT LIFE BEHIND?
HAH!


I GOT TIRED OF DEALING WITH THAT IDIOT MAKIO BEING OUR LEADER!
SO YOU JUST WANTED TO BECOME LEADER YOURSELF?
HEHEH... IT'S ALWAYS THE LAME DUCKS WHO WANT TO BECOME LEADER.
SHUT UP!
DIE!
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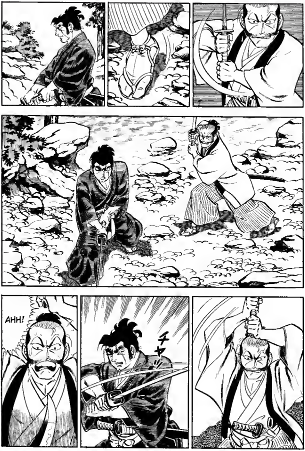
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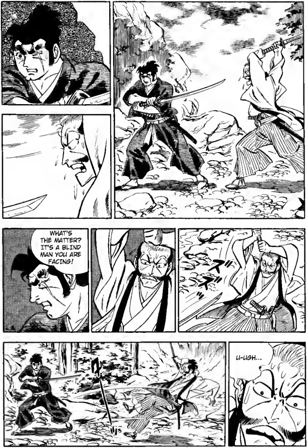
WHAT'S THE MATTER? IT'S A BLIND MAN YOU ARE FACING!
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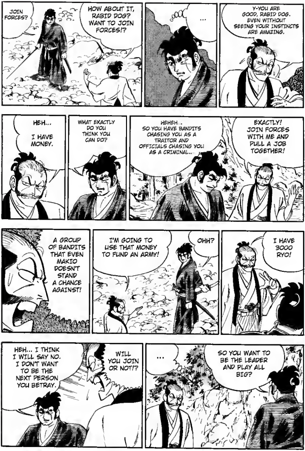
Y-YOU ARE GOOD, RABID DOG. EVEN WITHOUT SEEING YOUR INSTINCTS ARE AMAZING.
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HOW ABOUT IT, RABID DOG? WANT TO JOIN FORCES!?
JOIN FORCES?
EXACTLY! JOIN FORCES WITH ME AND PULL A JOB TOGETHER!
HEHEH.. SO YOU HAVE BANDITS CHASING YOU AS A TRAITOR AND OFFICIALS CHASING YOU AS A CRIMINAL...
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?
HEH... I HAVE MONEY.
I HAVE 3000 RYO!
OHH?
I'M GOING TO USE THAT MONEY TO FUND AN ARMY!
A GROUP OF BANDITS THAT EVEN MAKIO DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST!
SO YOU WANT TO BE THE LEADER AND PLAY ALL BIG?
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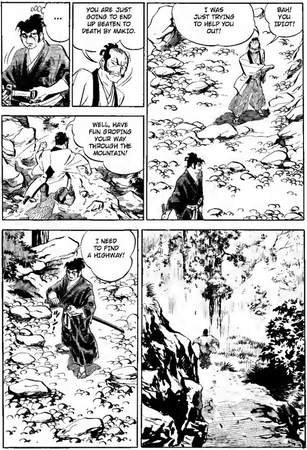
WILL YOU JOIN OR NOT!?
HEH... I THINK I WILL SAY NO. I DON'T WANT TO BE THE NEXT PERSON YOU BETRAY.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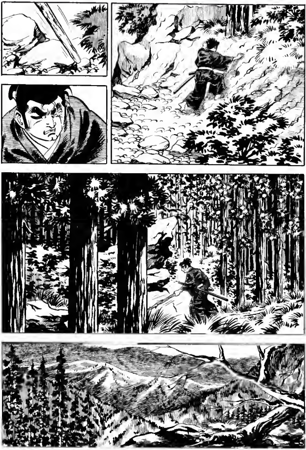
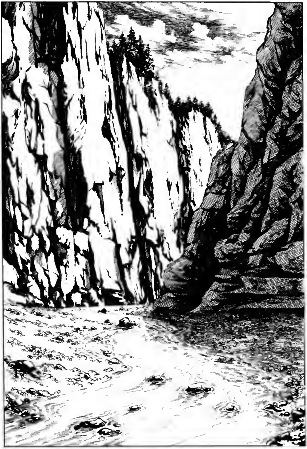
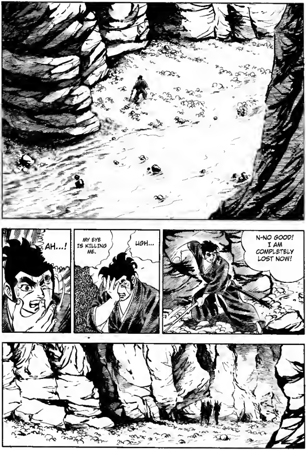
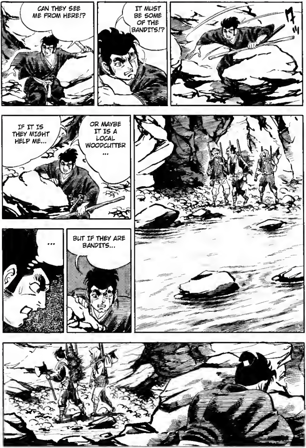
YOU ARE JUST GOING TO END UP BEATEN TO DEATH BY MAKIO.
BAH! YOU IDIOT!
I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU OUT!
WELL, HAVE FUN GROPING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN!
I NEED TO FIND A HIGHWAY!






AH...!
MY EYE IS KILLING ME.
UGH...
N-NO GOOD! I AM COMPLETELY LOST NOW!


CAN THEY SEE ME FROM HERE!?
IT MUST BE SOME OF THE BANDITS!?
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IF IT IS THEY MIGHT HELP ME...
OR MAYBE IT IS A LOCAL WOODCUTTER ...
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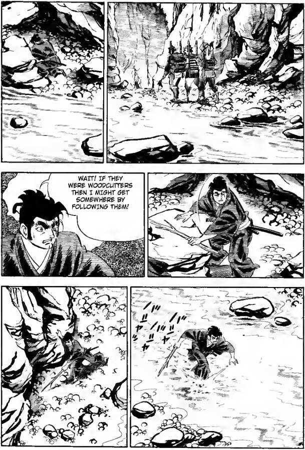
BUT IF THEY ARE BANDITS...


WAIT! IF THEY WERE WOODCUTTERS THEN I MIGHT GET SOMEWHERE BY FOLLOWING THEM!
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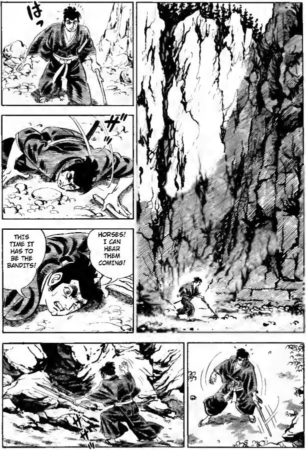
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HORSES! I CAN HEAR THEM COMING!
THIS TIME IT HAS TO BE THE BANDITS!
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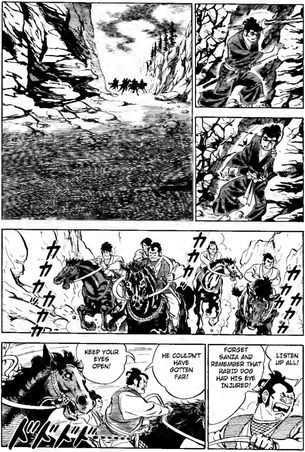
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LISTEN UP ALL!
FORGET SANZA AND REMEMBER THAT RABID DOG HAD HIS EYE INJURED!
HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR!
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
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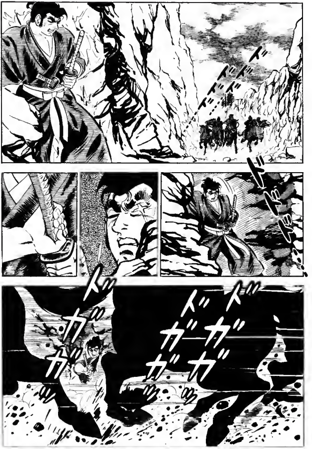
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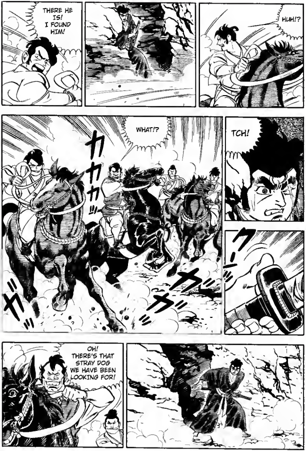
THERE HE IS! I FOUND HIM!
HUH!?
WHAT!?
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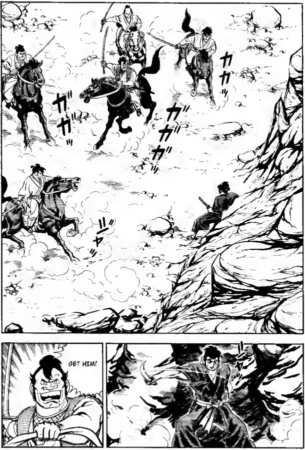
OH! THERE'S THAT STRAY DOG WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR!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GET HIM!
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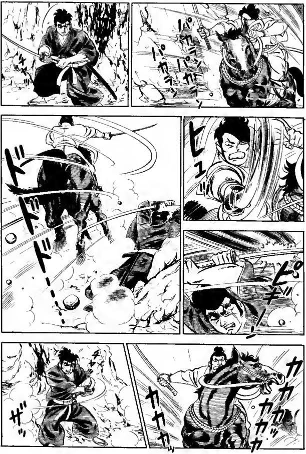
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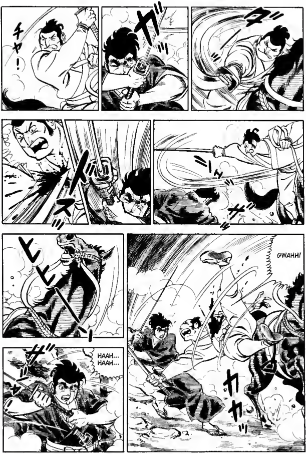
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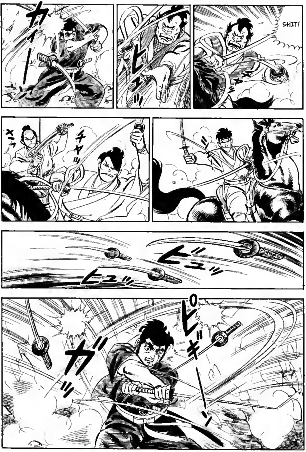
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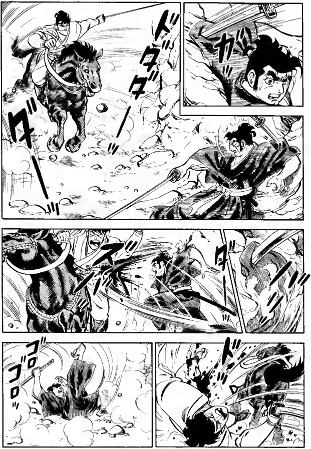
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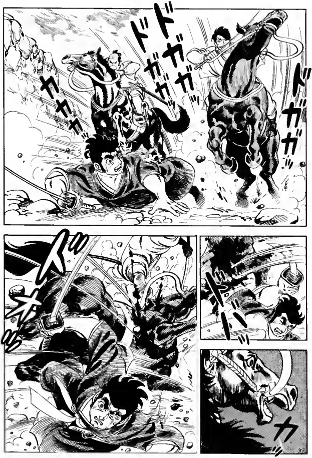
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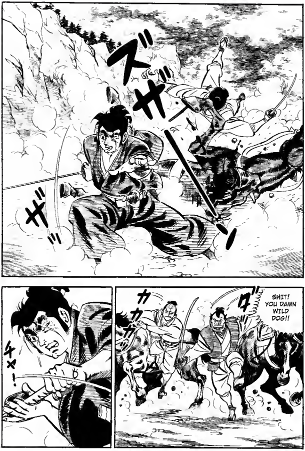
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SHIT! YOU DAMN WILD DOG!!
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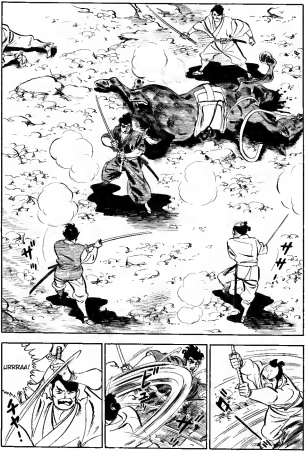
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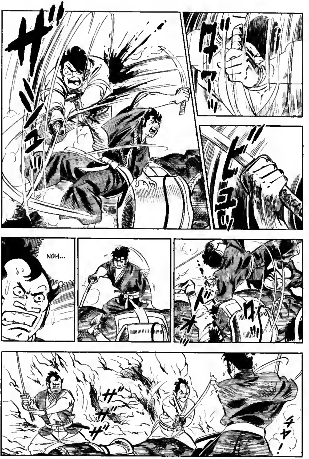
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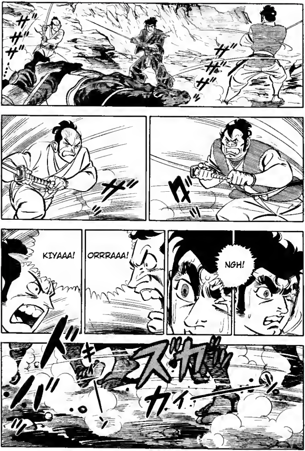
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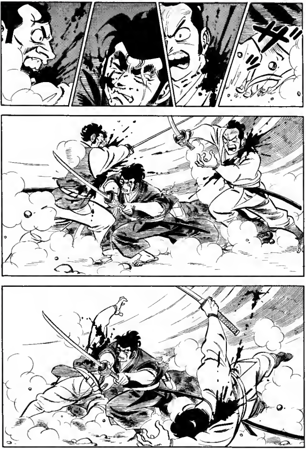
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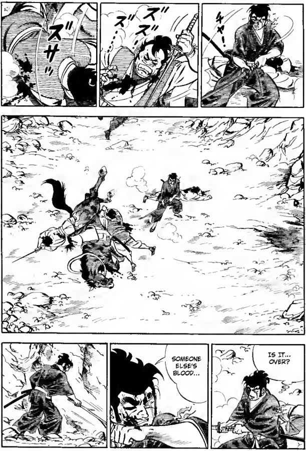
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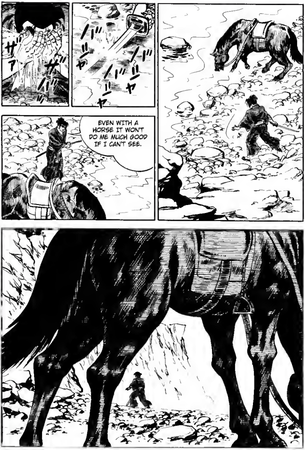
SOMEONE ELSE'S BLOOD...
IS IT... OVER?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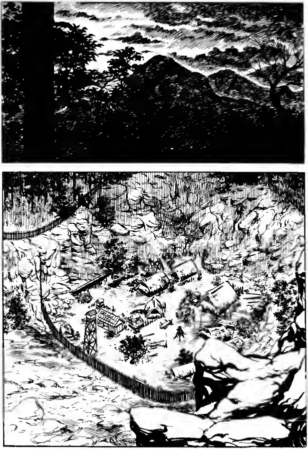
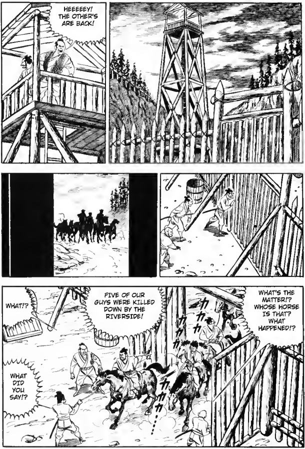
EVEN WITH A HORSE IT WON'T DO ME MUCH GOOD IF I CAN'T SEE.




HEEEEEY! THE OTHER'S ARE BACK!
WHAT'S THE MATTER!? WHOSE HORSE IS THAT? WHAT HAPPENED!?
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FIVE OF OUR GUYS WERE KILLED DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE!
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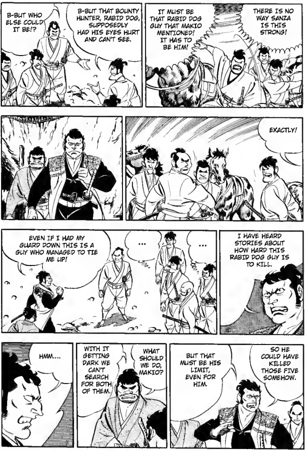
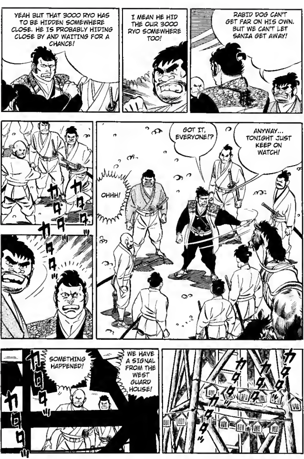
WHAT!?
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?


THERE IS NO WAY SANZA IS THIS STRONG!
IT MUST BE THAT RABID DOG GUY THAT MAKIO MENTIONED! IT HAS TO BE HIM!
B-BUT THAT BOUNTY HUNTER, RABID DOG, SUPPOSEDLY HAD HIS EYES HURT AND CAN'T SEE.
B-BUT WHO ELSE COULD IT BE!?
EXACTLY!
I HAVE HEARD STORIES ABOUT HOW HARD THIS RABID DOG GUY IS TO KILL.
...
...
EVEN IF I HAD MY GUARD DOWN THIS IS A GUY WHO MANAGED TO TIE ME UP!
SO HE COULD HAVE KILLED THOSE FIVE SOMEHOW.
BUT THAT MUST BE HIS LIMIT, EVEN FOR HIM.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, MAKIO?
WITH IT GETTING DARK WE CAN'T SEARCH FOR BOTH OF THEM.
HMM....


YEAH BUT THAT 3000 RYO HAS TO BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE CLOSE. HE IS PROBABLY HIDING CLOSE BY AND WAITING FOR A CHANCE!
I MEAN HE HID THE OUR 3000 RYO SOMEWHERE TOO!
RABID DOG CAN'T GET FAR ON HIS OWN. BUT WE CAN'T LET SANZA GET AWAY!
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ANYWAY... TONIGHT JUST KEEP ON WATCH!
GOT IT, EVERYONE!?
OHHH!
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SOMETHING HAPPENED!
WE HAVE A SIGNAL FROM THE WEST GUARD HOUSE!
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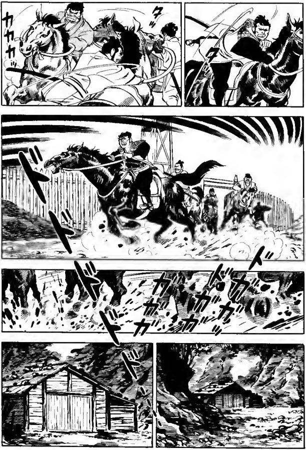
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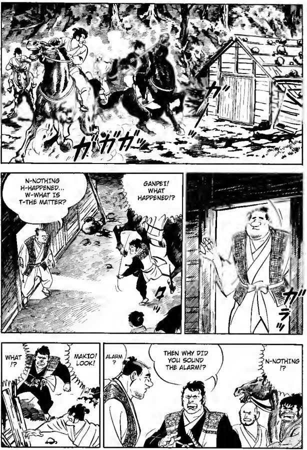
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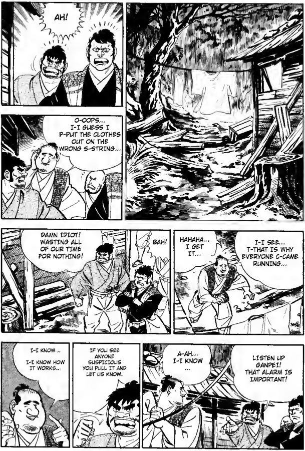
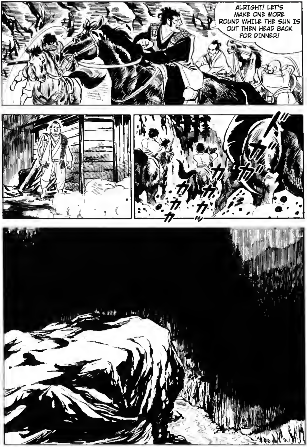
GANPEI! WHAT HAPPENED!?
N-NOTHING H-HAPPENED... W-WHAT IS T-THE MATTER?
N-NOTHING !?
THEN WHY DID YOU SOUND THE ALARM!?
ALARM ?
MAKIO! LOOK!
WHAT !?


AH!
O-OOPS... I-I GUESS I P-PUT THE CLOTHES OUT ON THE WRONG S-STRING...
I-I SEE... T-THAT IS WHY EVERYONE C-CAME RUNNING...
HAHAHA... I GET IT...
BAH!
DAMN IDIOT! WASTING ALL OF OUR TIME FOR NOTHING!
LISTEN UP GANPEI! THAT ALARM IS IMPORTANT!
A-AH... I-I KNOW ...
IF YOU SEE ANYONE SUSPICIOUS YOU PULL IT AND LET US KNOW.
I-I KNOW .. I-I KNOW HOW IT WORKS..


ALRIGHT! LET'S MAKE ONE MORE ROUND WHILE THE SUN IS OUT THEN HEAD BACK FOR DINNER!
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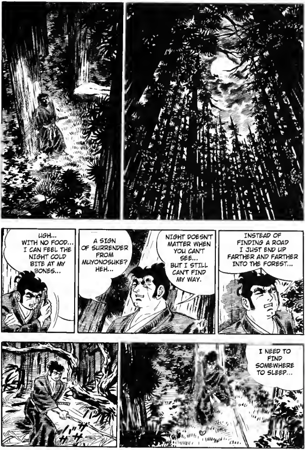
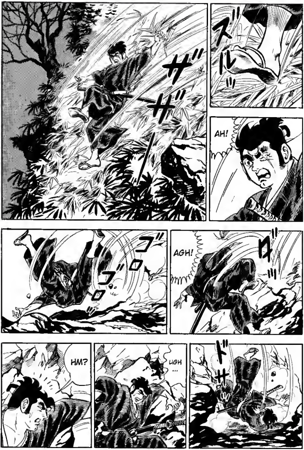

UGH... WITH NO FOOD... I CAN FEEL THE NIGHT COLD BITE AT MY BONES...
A SIGN OF SURRENDER FROM MUYONOSUKE? HEH...
NIGHT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE... BUT I STILL CAN'T FIND MY WAY.
INSTEAD OF FINDING A ROAD I JUST END UP FARTHER AND FARTHER INTO THE FOREST...
I NEED TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP...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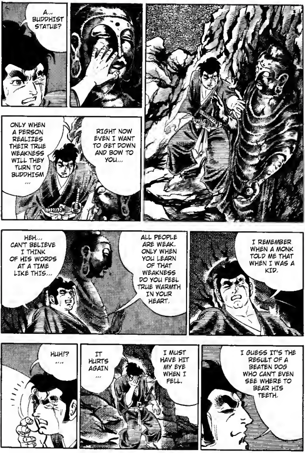
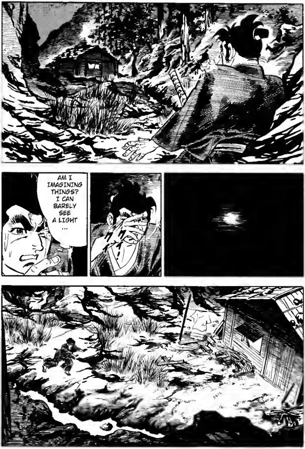
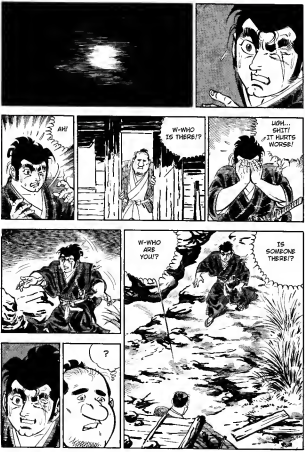

A... BUDDHIST STATUE?
ONLY WHEN A PERSON REALIZES THEIR TRUE WEAKNESS WILL THEY TURN TO BUDDHISM ...
RIGHT NOW EVEN I WANT TO GET DOWN AND BOW TO YOU...
HEH... CAN'T BELIEVE I THINK OF HIS WORDS AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
ALL PEOPLE ARE WEAK. ONLY WHEN YOU LEARN OF THAT WEAKNESS DO YOU FEEL TRUE WARMTH IN YOUR HEART.
I REMEMBER WHEN A MONK TOLD ME THAT WHEN I WAS A KID.
HUH!? ....
IT HURTS AGAIN ...
I MUST HAVE HIT MY EYE WHEN I FELL.
I GUESS IT'S THE RESULT OF A BEATEN DOG WHO CAN'T EVEN SEE WHERE TO BEAR HIS TEETH.


AM I IMAGINING THINGS? I CAN BARELY SEE A LIGHT ...


AH!
W-WHO IS THERE!?
UGH... SHIT! IT HURTS WORSE!
W-WHO ARE YOU!?
IS SOMEONE THERE!?
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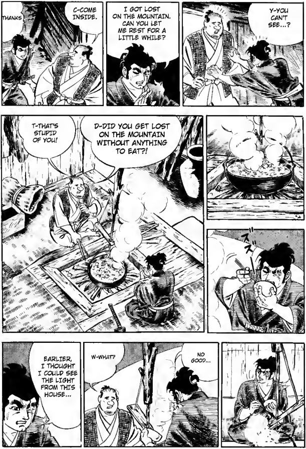
C-COME INSIDE.
THANKS
I GOT LOST ON THE MOUNTAIN. CAN YOU LET ME REST FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
Y-YOU CAN'T SEE...?
T-THAT'S STUPID OF YOU!
D-DID YOU GET LOST ON THE MOUNTAIN WITHOUT ANYTHING TO EAT?!
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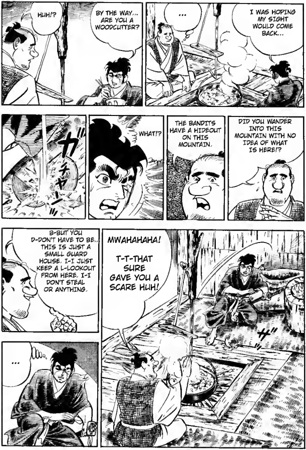
EARLIER, I THOUGHT I COULD SEE THE LIGHT FROM THIS HOUSE...
W-WHAT?
NO GOOD...


I WAS HOPING MY SIGHT WOULD COME BACK...
...
BY THE WAY... ARE YOU A WOODCUTTER?
HUH!?
DID YOU WANDER INTO THIS MOUNTAIN WITH NO IDEA OF WHAT IS HERE!?
THE BANDITS HAVE A HIDEOUT ON THIS MOUNTAIN.
WHAT!?
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MWAHAHAHA!
T-T-THAT SURE GAVE YOU A SCARE HUH!
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B-BUT YOU D-DON'T HAVE TO BE.. THIS IS JUST A SMALL GUARD HOUSE. I-I JUST KEEP A L-LOOKOUT FROM HERE. I-I DON'T STEAL OR ANYTHING.
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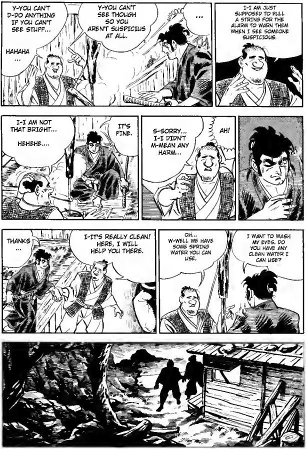
I-I AM JUST SUPPOSED TO PULL A STRING FOR THE ALARM TO WARN THEM WHEN I SEE SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS.
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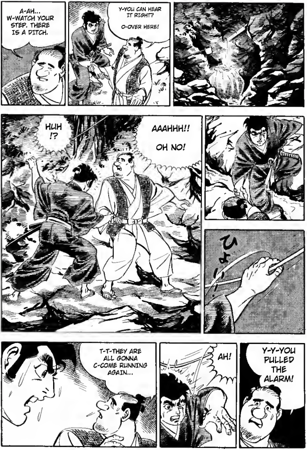
Y-YOU CAN'T SEE THOUGH SO YOU AREN'T SUSPICIUS AT ALL.
Y-YOU CAN'T D-DO ANYTHING IF YOU CAN'T SEE STUFF...
HAHAHA ...
AH!
S-SORRY... I-I DIDN'T M-MEAN ANY HARM...
IT'S FINE.
I-I AM NOT THAT BRIGHT...
HEHEHE....
I WANT TO WASH MY EYES. DO YOU HAVE ANY CLEAN WATER I CAN USE?
OH... W-WELL WE HAVE SOME SPRING WATER YOU CAN USE.
I-IT'S REALLY CLEAN! HERE, I WILL HELP YOU THERE.
THANKS ...


Y-YOU CAN HEAR IT RIGHT?
O-OVER HERE!
A-AH... W-WATCH YOUR STEP. THERE IS A DITCH.
AAAHHH!! OH NO!
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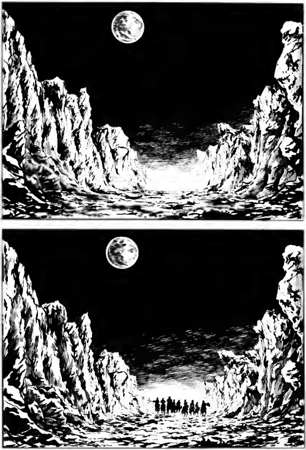
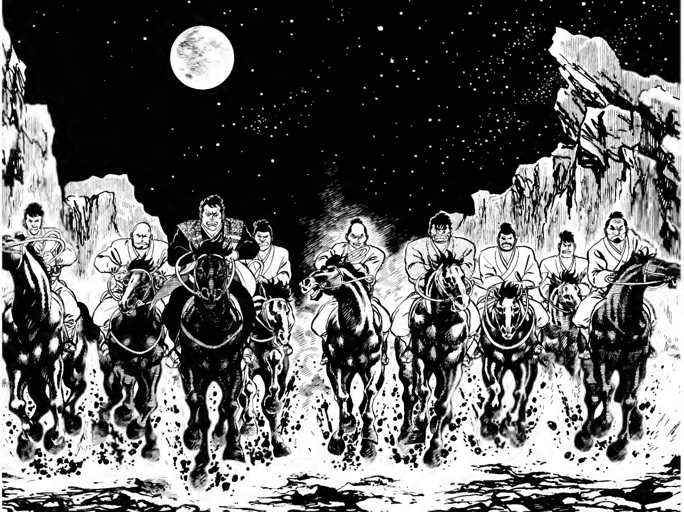
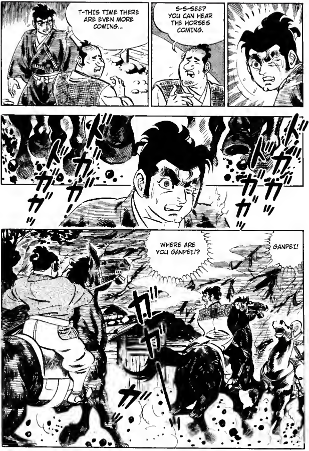
Y-Y-YOU PULLED THE ALARM!
AH!
T-T-THEY ARE ALL GONNA C-COME RUNNING AGAIN...






T-THIS TIME THERE ARE EVEN MORE COMING...
S-S-SEE? YOU CAN HEAR THE HORSES COMING.
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WHERE ARE YOU GANPEI!?
GANPEI!
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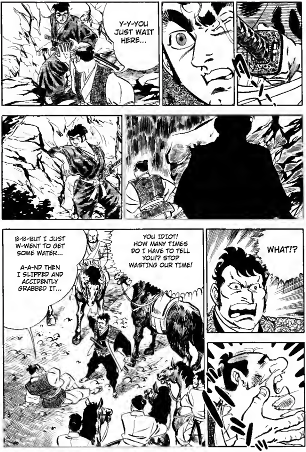
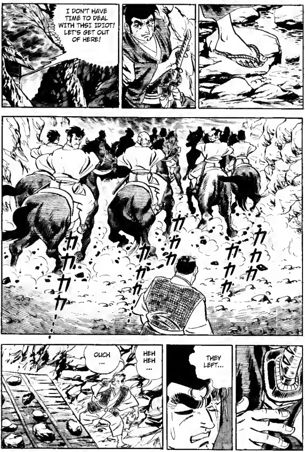

Y-Y-YOU JUST WAIT HERE...
B-B-BUT I JUST W-WENT TO GET SOME WATER...
A-A-ND THEN I SLIPPED AND ACCIDENTLY GRABBED IT...
YOU IDIOT! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU!? STOP WASTING OUR TIME!
WHAT!?


I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH THSI IDIOT! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
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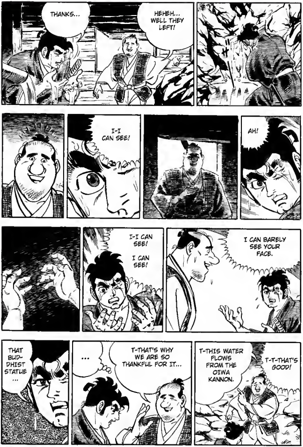
THEY LEFT...
HEH HEH ...
OUCH ...


THANKS...
HEHEH... WELL THEY LEFT!
I-I CAN SEE!
AH!
I-I CAN SEE!
I CAN SEE!
I CAN BARELY SEE YOUR FACE.
THAT BUD-DHIST STATUE ...
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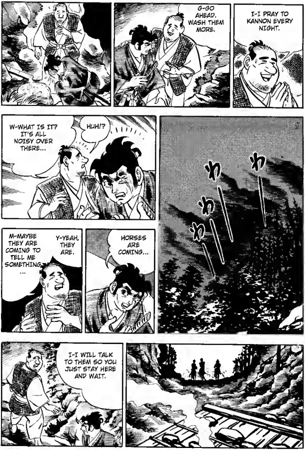
T-THAT'S WHY WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR IT...
T-THIS WATER FLOWS FROM THE OIWA KANNON.
T-T-THAT'S GOOD!


G-GO AHEAD. WASH THEM MORE.
I-I PRAY TO KANNON EVERY NIGHT.
W-WHAT IS IT? IT'S ALL NOISY OVER THERE...
HUH!?
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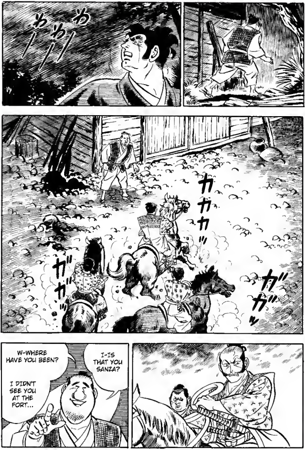
M-MAYBE THEY ARE COMING TO TELL ME SOMETHING...
Y-YEAH, THEY ARE.
HORSES ARE COMING...
I-I WILL TALK TO THEM SO YOU JUST STAY HERE AND WAIT.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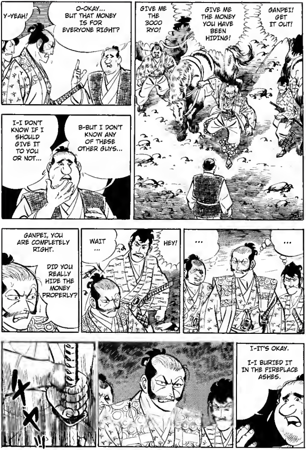
I-IS THAT YOU SANZA?
W-WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I DIDN'T SEE YOU AT THE FORT...


Y-YEAH!
O-OKAY... BUT THAT MONEY IS FOR EVERYONE RIGHT?
I-I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD GIVE IT TO YOU OR NOT...
B-BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THESE OTHER GUYS...
GIVE ME THE 3000 RYO!
GIVE ME THE MONEY YOU HAVE BEEN HIDING!
GANPEI! GET OUT!
GANPEI, YOU ARE COMPLETELY RIGHT.
DID YOU REALLY HIDE THE MONEY PROPERLY?
WAIT ...
HEY!
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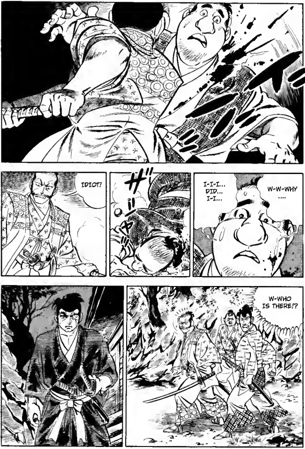
I-IT'S OKAY.
I-I BURIED IT IN THE FIREPLACE ASHES.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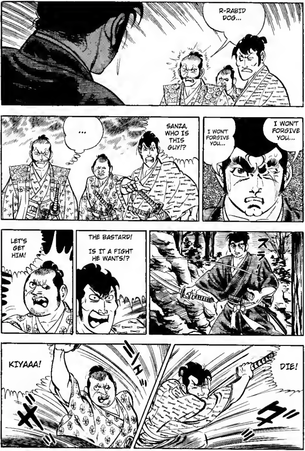
I-I-I... DID... I-I...
W-W-WHY ....
W-WHO IS THERE!?


R-RABID DOG...
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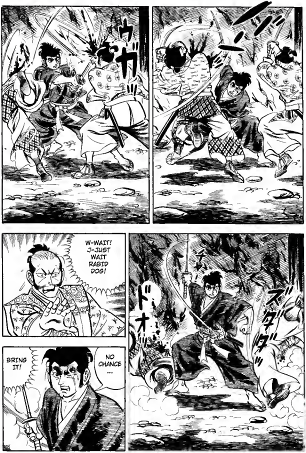
SANZA, WHO IS THIS GUY!?
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU...
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU...
LET'S GET HIM!
THE BASTARD!
IS IT A FIGHT HE WANTS!?
KIYAAA!
DIE!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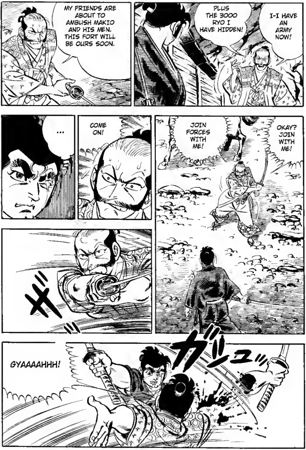
W-WAIT! J-JUST WAIT RABID DOG!
NO CHANCE ...
BRING IT!


MY FRIENDS ARE ABOUT TO AMBUSH MAKIO AND HIS MEN. THIS FORT WILL BE OURS SOON.
I-I HAVE AN ARMY NOW!
PLUS THE 3000 RYO I HAVE HIDDEN!
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COME ON!
JOIN FORCES WITH ME!
OKAY? JOIN WITH ME!
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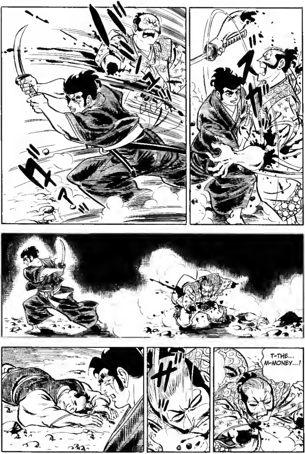
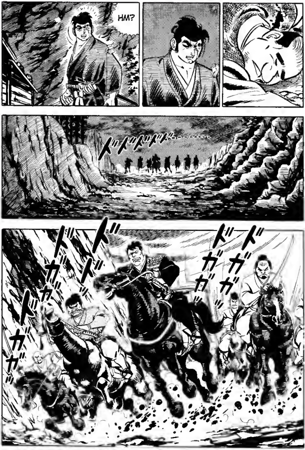

T-THE... M-MONEY...!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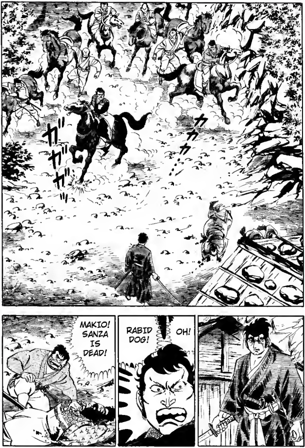
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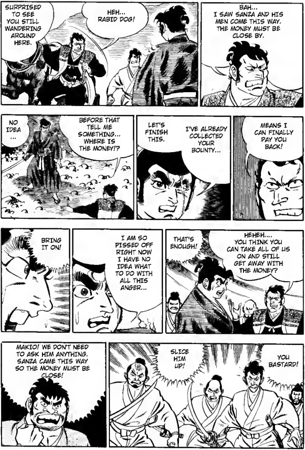
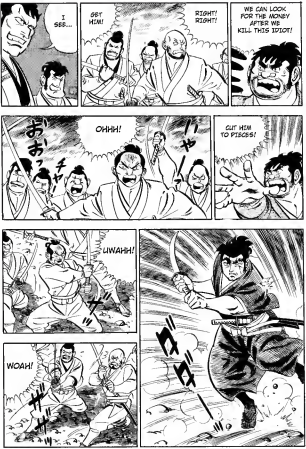
OH!
RABID DOG!
MAKIO! SANZA IS DEAD!


SURPRISED TO SEE YOU STILL WANDERING AROUND HERE.
HEH... RABID DOG!
BAH... I SAW SANZA AND HIS MEN COME THIS WAY. THE MONEY MUST BE CLOSE BY.
NO IDEA ...
BEFORE THAT TELL ME SOMETHING... WHERE IS THE MONEY!?
LET'S FINISH THIS.
I'VE ALREADY COLLECTED YOUR BOUNTY...
MEANS I CAN FINALLY PAY YOU BACK!
BRING IT ON!
I AM SO PISSED OFF RIGHT NOW I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THIS ANGER...
THAT'S ENOUGH!
HEHEH.... YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ALL OF US ON AND STILL GET AWAY WITH THE MONEY?
MAKIO! WE DON'T NEED TO ASK HIM ANYTHING. SANZA CAME THIS WAY SO THE MONEY MUST BE CLOSE!
SLICE HIM UP!
YOU BASTARD!


I SEE...
GET HIM!
RIGHT! RIGHT!
WE CAN LOOK FOR THE MONEY AFTER WE KILL THIS IDIOT!
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CUT HIM TO PIECES!
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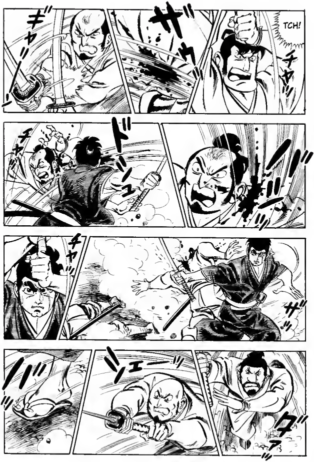
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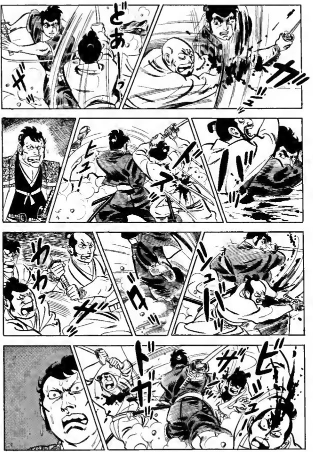
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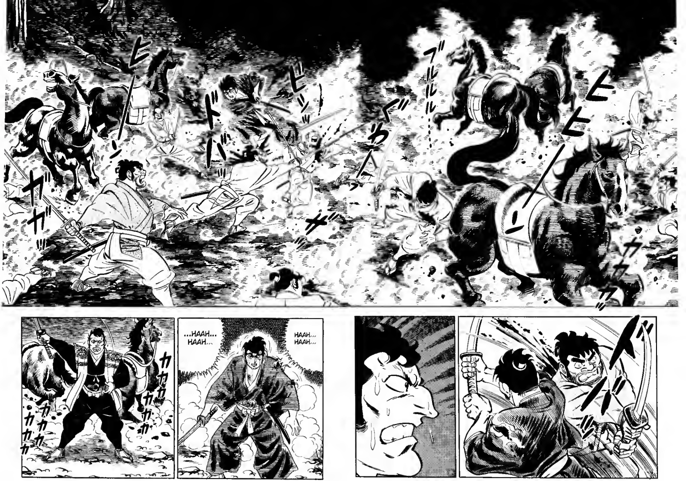
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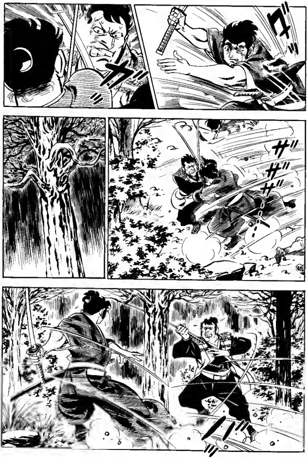
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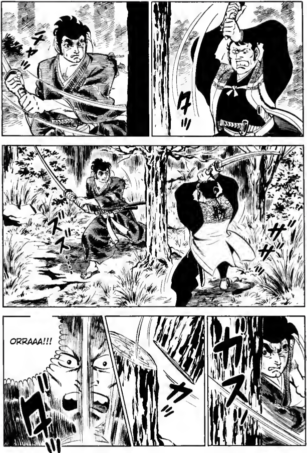
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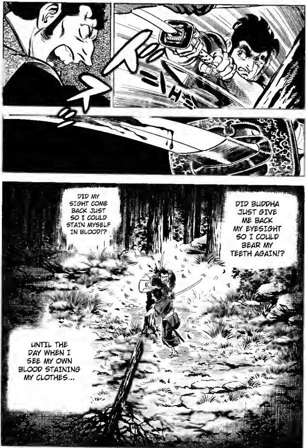
DID BUDDHA JUST GIVE ME BACK MY EYESIGHT SO I COULD BEAR MY TEETH AGAIN!?
DID MY SIGHT COME BACK JUST SO I COULD STAIN MYSELF IN BLOOD!?
UNTIL THE DAY WHEN I SEE MY OWN BLOOD STAINING MY CLOTHES...

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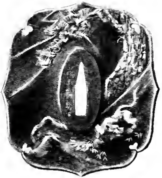
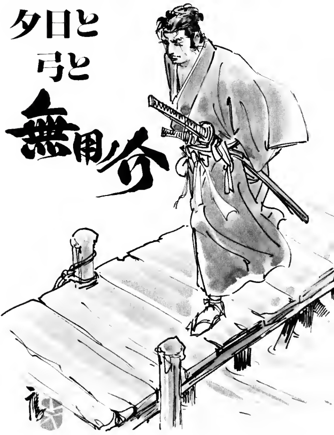
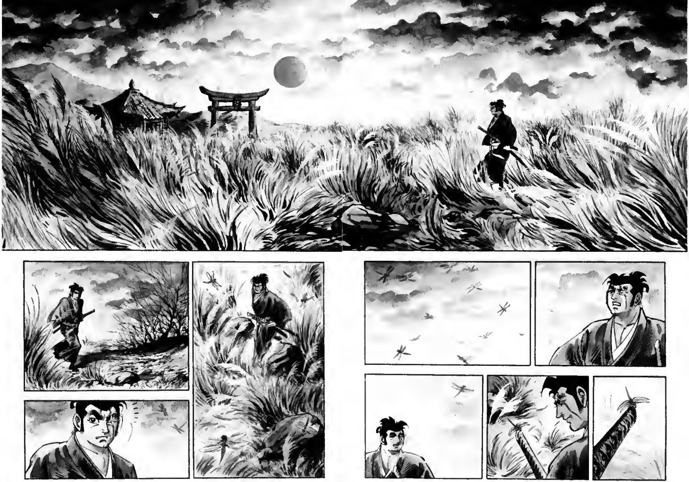
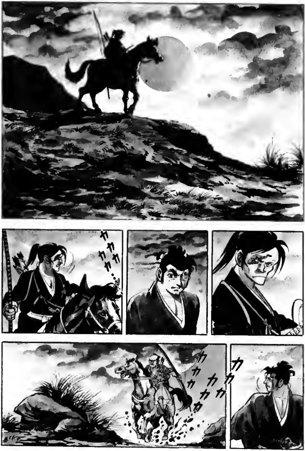


MUYONOSUKE'S ARROW INTO THE SUNSET



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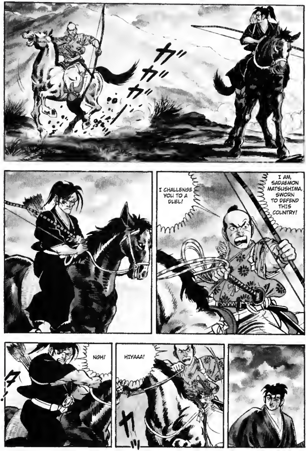
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I AM, SADAEMON MATSUSHIMA, SWORN TO DEFEND THIS COUNTRY!
I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL!
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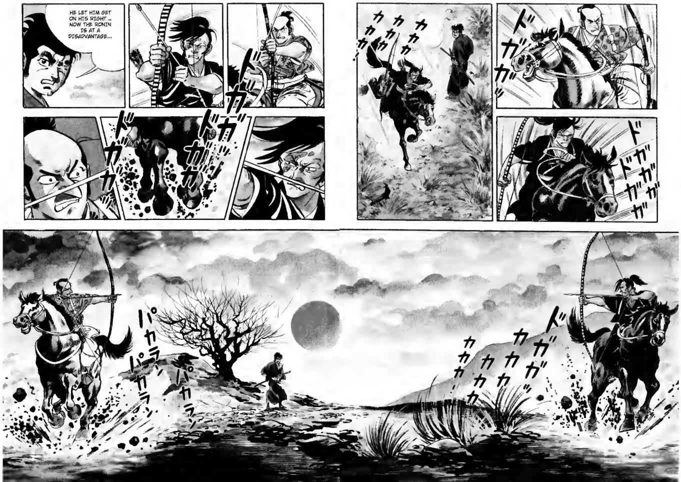
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HE LET HIM GET ON HIS RIGHT .. NOW THE RONIN IS AT A DISADVANTAGE...
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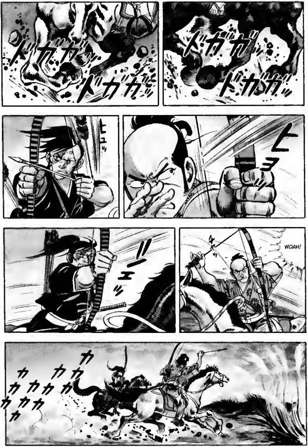
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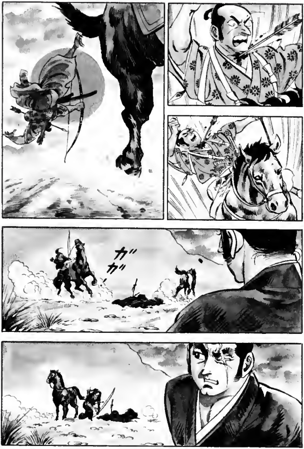
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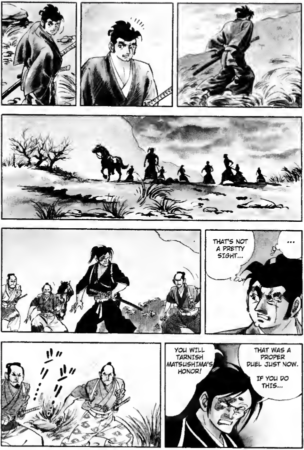
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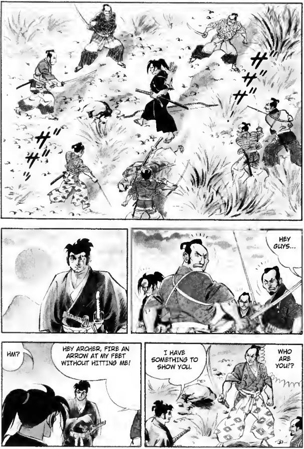
THAT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT...
THAT WAS A PROPER DUEL JUST NOW.
IF YOU DO THIS...
YOU WILL TARNISH MATSUSHIMA'S HONOR!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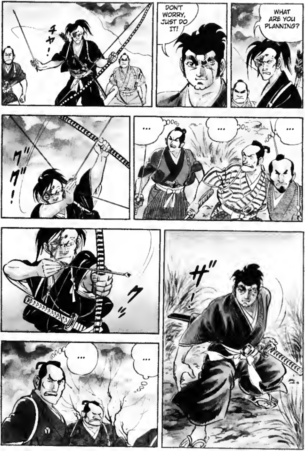
HEY GUYS...
WHO ARE YOU!?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.
HEY ARCHER, FIRE AN ARROW AT MY FEET WITHOUT HITTING ME!
HM?


WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
DON'T WORRY, JUST DO IT!
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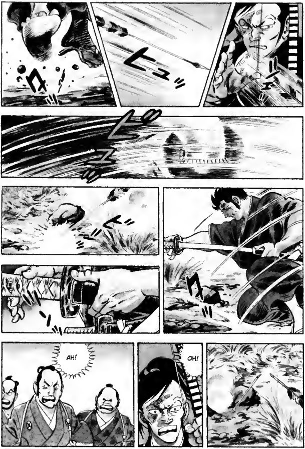
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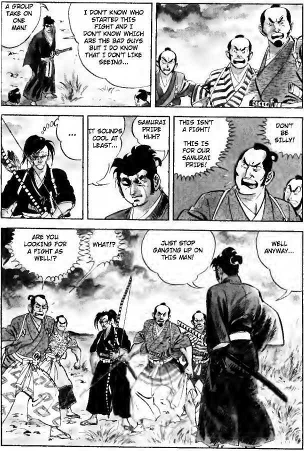
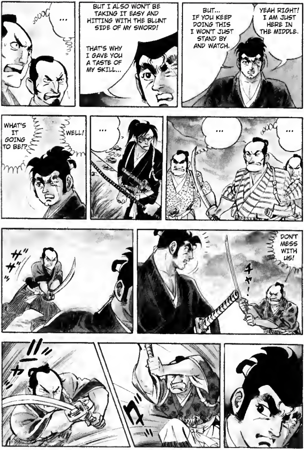

I DON'T KNOW WHO STARTED THIS FIGHT AND I DON'T KNOW WHICH ARE THE BAD GUYS BUT I DO KNOW THAT I DON'T LIKE SEEING...
A GROUP TAKE ON ONE MAN!
DON'T BE SILLY!
THIS ISN'T A FIGHT!
THIS IS FOR OUR SAMURAI PRIDE!
SAMURAI PRIDE HUH?
IT SOUNDS COOL AT LEAST...
...
WELL ANYWAY...
JUST STOP GANGING UP ON THIS MAN!
WHAT!?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FIGHT AS WELL!?


YEAH RIGHT! I AM JUST HERE IN THE MIDDLE.
BUT... IF YOU KEEP DOING THIS I WON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH.
BUT I ALSO WON'T BE TAKING IT EASY AND HITTING WITH THE BLUNT SIDE OF MY SWORD!
THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU A TASTE OF MY SKILL...
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WELL!
WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE!?
DON'T MESS WITH US!
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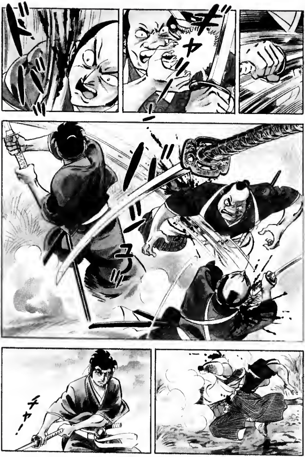
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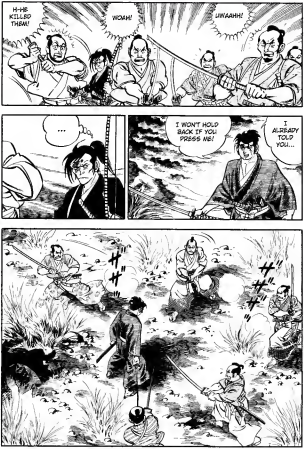
H-HE KILLED THEM!
WOAH!
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I ALREADY TOLD YOU...
I WON'T HOLD BACK IF YOU PRESS ME!
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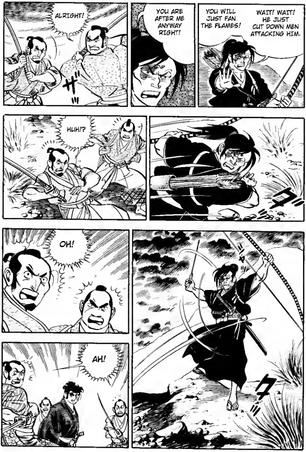
WAIT! WAIT! HE JUST CUT DOWN MEN ATTACKING HIM.
YOU WILL JUST FAN THE FLAMES!
YOU ARE AFTER ME ANYWAY RIGHT!
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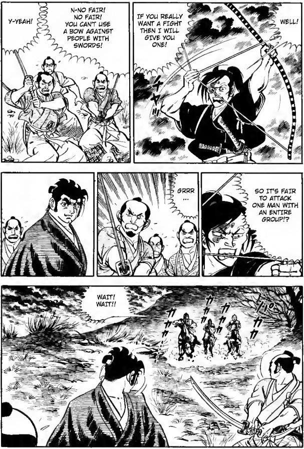
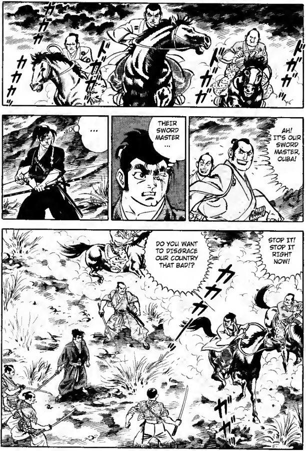

Y-YEAH!
N-NO FAIR! NO FAIR! YOU CAN'T USE A BOW AGAINST PEOPLE WITH SWORDS!
IF YOU REALLY WANT A FIGHT THEN I WILL GIVE YOU ONE!
WELL!
GRRR ...
SO IT'S FAIR TO ATTACK ONE MAN WITH AN ENTIRE GROUP!?
WAIT! WAIT!!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AH! IT'S OUR SWORD MASTER, OUBA!
THEIR SWORD MASTER ...
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STOP IT! STOP IT RIGHT NOW!
DO YOU WANT TO DISGRACE OUR COUNTRY THAT BAD!?
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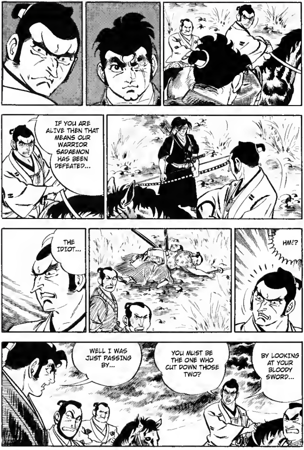
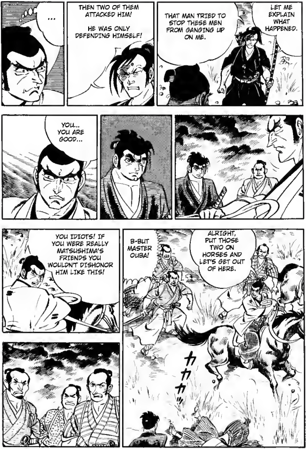

IF YOU ARE ALIVE THEN THAT MEANS OUR WARRIOR SADAEMON HAS BEEN DEFEATED...
THE IDIOT...
HM!?
BY LOOKING AT YOUR BLOODY SWORD...
YOU MUST BE THE ONE WHO CUT DOWN THOSE TWO?
WELL I WAS JUST PASSING BY...


LET ME EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED.
THAT MAN TRIED TO STOP THESE MEN FROM GANGING UP ON ME.
THEN TWO OF THEM ATTACKED HIM!
HE WAS ONLY DEFENDING HIMSELF!
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YOU... YOU ARE GOOD...
YOU IDIOTS! IF YOU WERE REALLY MATSUSHIMA'S FRIENDS YOU WOULDN'T DISHONOR HIM LIKE THIS!
B-BUT MASTER OUBA!
ALRIGHT, PUT THOSE TWO ON HORSES AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
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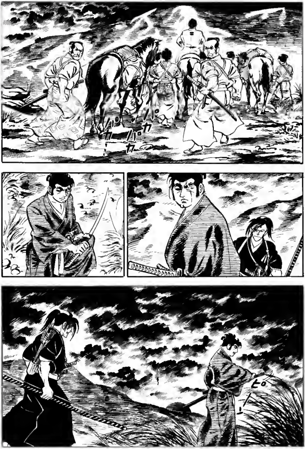
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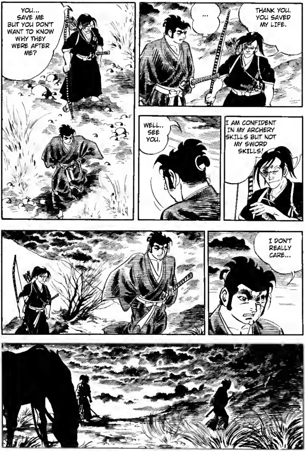
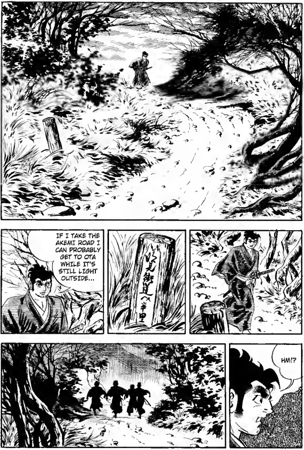

THANK YOU. YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
...
YOU... SAVE ME BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY WERE AFTER ME?
I AM CONFIDENT IN MY ARCHERY SKILLS BUT NOT MY SWORD SKILLS!
WELL.. SEE YOU.
I DON'T REALLY CARE...


IF I TAKE THE AKEMI ROAD I CAN PROBABLY GET TO OTA WHILE IT'S STILL LIGHT OUTSIDE...
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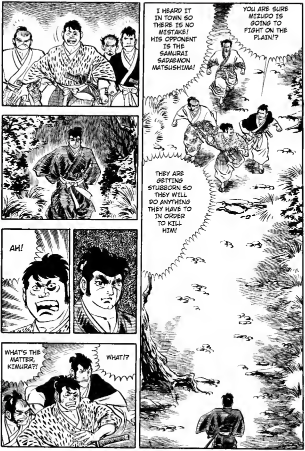
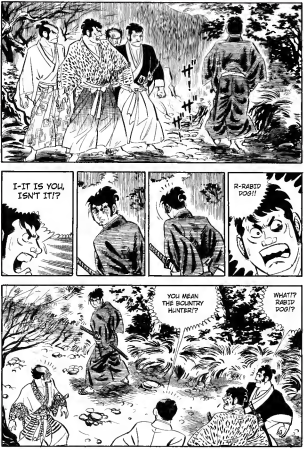

YOU ARE SURE MIZUDO IS GOING TO FIGHT ON THE PLAIN!?
I HEARD IT IN TOWN SO THERE IS NO MISTAKE! HIS OPPONENT IS THE SAMURAI SADAEMON MATSUSHIMA!
THEY ARE GETTING STUBBORN SO THEY WILL DO ANYTHING THEY HAVE TO IN ORDER TO KILL HIM!
AH!
WHAT!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KIMURA?!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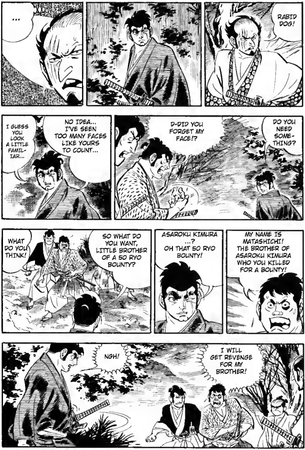
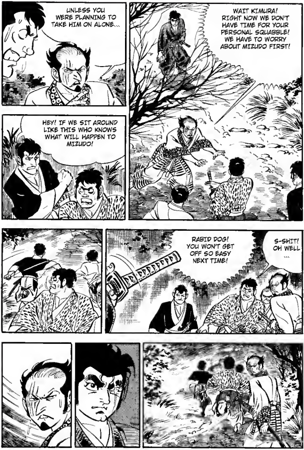
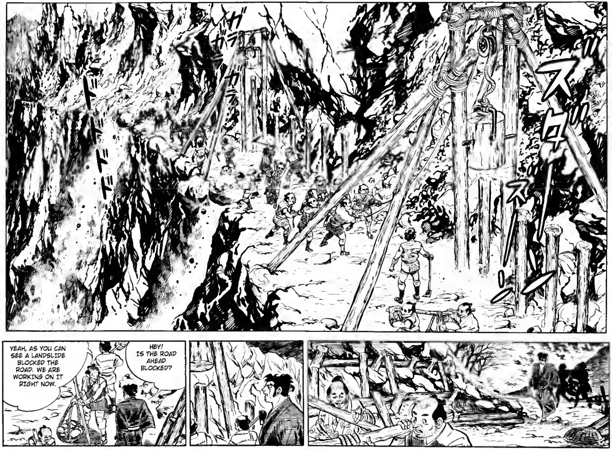
I-IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT!?
R-RABID DOG!!
WHAT!? RABID DOG!?
YOU MEAN THE BOUNTRY HUNTER!?


RABID DOG!
...
DO YOU NEED SOME-THING?
D-DID YOU FORGET MY FACE!?
NO IDEA... I'VE SEEN TOO MANY FACES LIKE YOURS TO COUNT...
I GUESS YOU LOOK A LITTLE FAMILIAR...
MY NAME IS MATASHICHI! THE BROTHER OF ASAROKU KIMURA WHO YOU KILLED FOR A BOUNTY!
ASAROKU KIMURA ...? OH THAT 50 RYO BOUNTY!
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT, LITTLE BROTHER OF A 50 RYO BOUNTY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK!
I WILL GET REVENGE FOR MY BROTHER!
NGH!


WAIT KIMURA! RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR PERSONAL SQUABBLE! WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MIZUDO FIRST!
UNLESS YOU WERE PLANNING TO TAKE HIM ON ALONE...
HEY! IF WE SIT AROUND LIKE THIS WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MIZUDO!
S-SHIT! OH WELL ...
RABID DOG! YOU WON'T GET OFF SO EASY NEXT TIME!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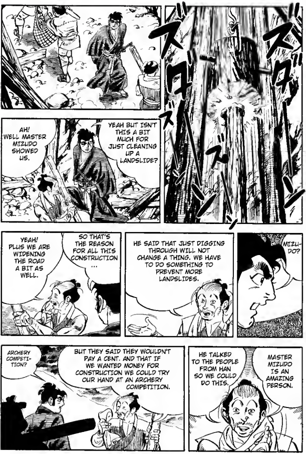
HEY! IS THE ROAD AHEAD BLOCKED?
YEAH, AS YOU CAN SEE A LANDSLIDE BLOCKED THE ROAD. WE ARE WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW.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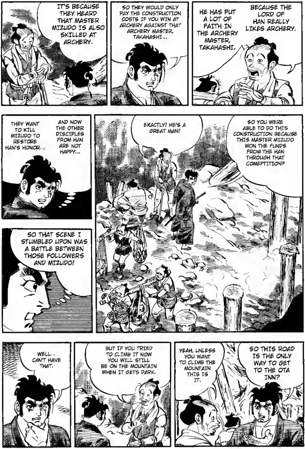
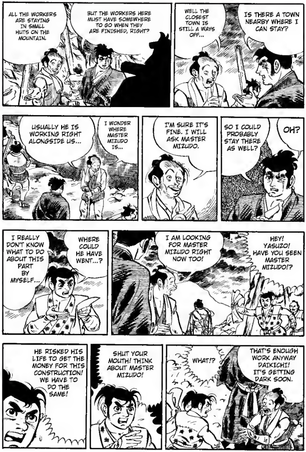
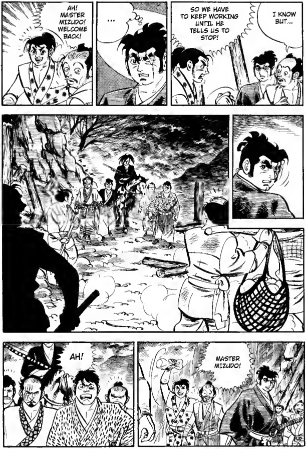
YEAH BUT ISN'T THIS A BIT MUCH FOR JUST CLEANING UP A LANDSLIDE?
AH! WELL MASTER MIZUDO SHOWED US.
SO THAT'S THE REASON FOR ALL THIS CONSTRUCTION ...
YEAH! PLUS WE ARE WIDENING THE ROAD A BIT AS WELL.
HE SAID THAT JUST DIGGING THROUGH WILL NOT CHANGE A THING. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO PREVENT MORE LANDSLIDES.
MIZUDO?
HE TALKED TO THE PEOPLE FROM HAN SO WE COULD DO THIS.
MASTER MIZUDO IS AN AMAZING PERSON.
BUT THEY SAID THEY WOULDN'T PAY A CENT. AND THAT IF WE WANTED MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTION WE COULD TRY OUR HAND AT AN ARCHERY COMPETITION.
ARCHERY COMPETITION?


BECAUSE THE LORD OF HAN REALLY LIKES ARCHERY.
HE HAS PUT A LOT OF FAITH IN THE ARCHERY MASTER, TAKAHASHI.
SO THEY WOULD ONLY PAY THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS IF YOU WIN AT ARCHERY AGAINST THAT ARCHERY MASTER, TAKAHASHI..
IT'S BECAUSE THEY HEARD THAT MASTER MIZUDO IS ALSO SKILLED AT ARCHERY.
SO YOU WERE ABLE TO DO THIS CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE THIS MASTER MIZUDO WON THE FUNDS FROM THE HAN THROUGH THAT COMPETITION?
EXACTLY! HE'S A GREAT MAN!
AND NOW THE OTHER DISCIPLES FROM HAN ARE NOT HAPPY...
THEY WANT TO KILL MIZUDO TO RESTORE HAN'S HONOR..
SO THAT SCENE I STUMBLED UPON WAS A BATTLE BETWEEN THOSE FOLLOWERS AND MIZUDO!
SO THIS ROAD IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO THE OTA INN?
YEAH, UNLESS YOU WANT TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN THIS IS IT.
BUT IF YOU TRIED TO CLIMB IT NOW YOU WILL STILL BE ON THE MOUNTAIN WHEN IT GETS DARK.
WELL... CAN'T HAVE THAT.


IS THERE A TOWN NEARBY WHERE I CAN STAY?
WELL THE CLOSEST TOWN IS STILL A WAYS OFF...
BUT THE WORKERS HERE MUST HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO WHEN THEY ARE FINISHED, RIGHT?
ALL THE WORKERS ARE STAYING IN SMALL HUTS ON THE MOUNTAIN.
SO I COULD PROBABLY STAY THERE AS WELL?
OH?
I'M SURE IT'S FINE. I WILL ASK MASTER MIZUDO.
I WONDER WHERE MASTER MIZUDO IS...
USUALLY HE IS WORKING RIGHT ALONGSIDE US...
HEY! YASUZO! HAVE YOU SEEN MASTER MIZUDO!?
I AM LOOKING FOR MASTER MIZUDO RIGHT NOW TOO!
WHERE COULD HE HAVE WENT...?
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS PART BY MYSELF...
THAT'S ENOUGH WORK ANYWAY DAIKICHI! IT'S GETTING DARK SOON.
WHAT!?
SHUT YOUR MOUTH! THINK ABOUT MASTER MIZUDO!
HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO GET THE MONEY FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION! WE HAVE TO DO THE SAME!


AH! MASTER MIZUDO! WELCOME BACK!
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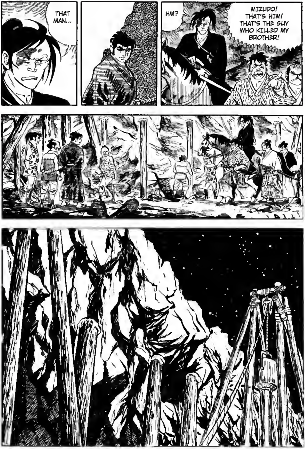
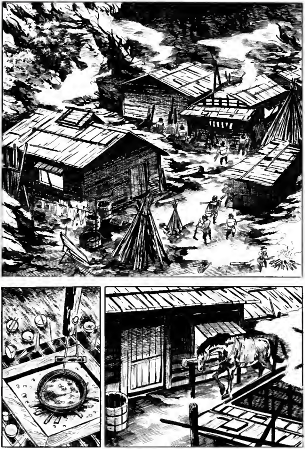
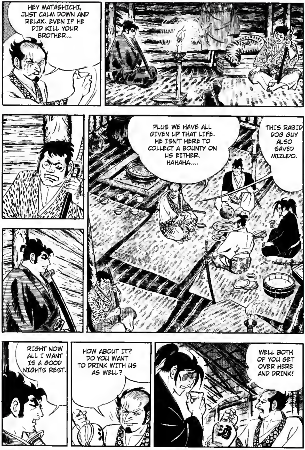
SO WE HAVE TO KEEP WORKING UNTIL HE TELLS US TO STOP!
I KNOW BUT...
AH!
MASTER MIZUDO!


MIZUDO! THAT'S HIM! THAT'S THE GUY WHO KILLED MY BROTHER!
HM?
THAT MAN...




HEY MATASHICHI, JUST CALM DOWN AND RELAX. EVEN IF HE DID KILL YOUR BROTHER...
PLUS WE HAVE ALL GIVEN UP THAT LIFE. HE ISN'T HERE TO COLLECT A BOUNTY ON US EITHER. HAHAHA....
THIS RABID DOG GUY ALSO SAVED MIZUDO.
RIGHT NOW ALL I WANT IS A GOOD NIGHTS REST.
HOW ABOUT IT? DO YOU WANT TO DRINK WITH US AS WELL?
WELL BOTH OF YOU GET OVER HERE AND DRINK!
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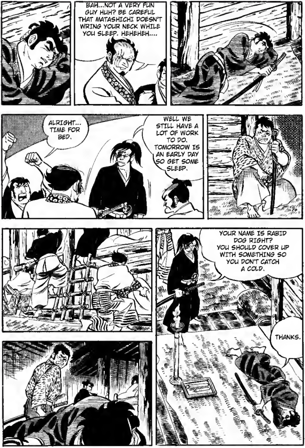
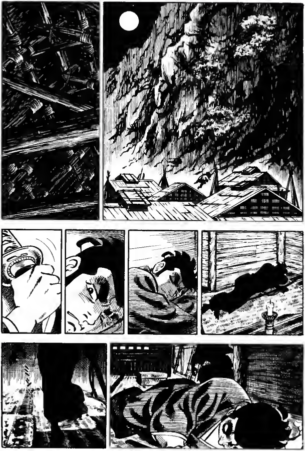
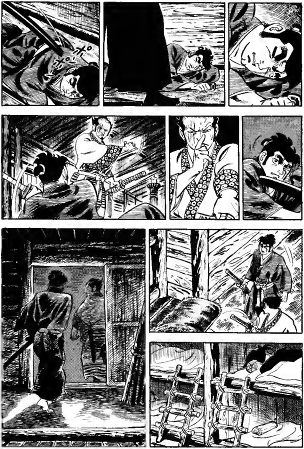

BAH...NOT A VERY FUN GUY HUH? BE CAREFUL THAT MATASHICHI DOESN'T WRING YOUR NECK WHILE YOU SLEEP. HEHEHEH....
ALRIGHT... TIME FOR BED.
WELL WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. TOMORROW IS AN EARLY DAY SO GET SOME SLEEP.
YOUR NAME IS RABID DOG RIGHT? YOU SHOULD COVER UP WITH SOMETHING SO YOU DON'T CATCH A COLD.
THANKS.

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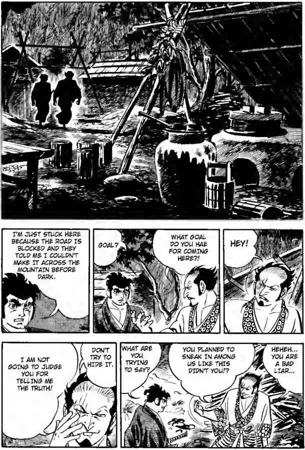
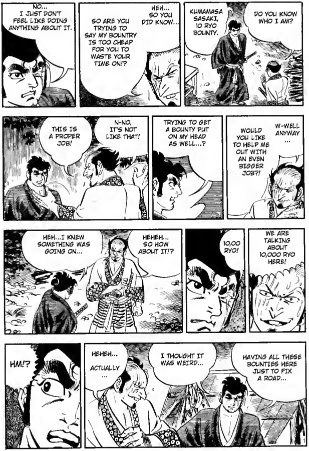
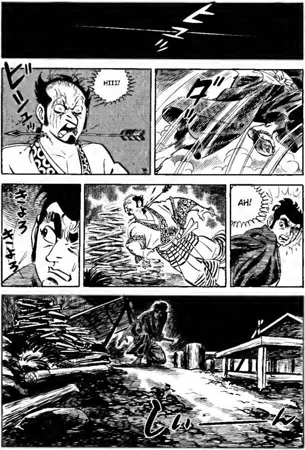

HEY!
WHAT GOAL DO YOU HAE FOR COMING HERE?!
GOAL?
I'M JUST STUCK HERE BECAUSE THE ROAD IS BLOCKED AND THEY TOLD ME I COULDN'T MAKE IT ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE DARK.
HEHEH... YOU ARE A BAD LIAR...
YOU PLANNED TO SNEAK IN AMONG US LIKE THIS DIDN'T YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
DON'T TRY TO HIDE IT.
I AM NOT GOING TO JUDGE YOU FOR TELLING ME THE TRUTH!


DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
KUMAMASA SASAKI, 10 RYO BOUNTY.
HEH... SO YOU DID KNOW...
SO ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY MY BOUNTRY IS TOO CHEAP FOR YOU TO WASTE YOUR TIME ON!?
NO... I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
W-WELL ANYWAY ...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ME OUT WITH AN EVEN BIGGER JOB?!
TRYING TO GET A BOUNTY PUT ON MY HEAD AS WELL...?
N-NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
THIS IS A PROPER JOB!
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT 10,000 RYO HERE!
10,00 RYO!
HEHEH... SO HOW ABOUT IT!?
HEH...I KNEW SOMETHING WAS GOING ON...
HAVING ALL THESE BOUNTIES HERE JUST TO FIX A ROAD...
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD...
HEHEH... ACTUALLY ...
HM!?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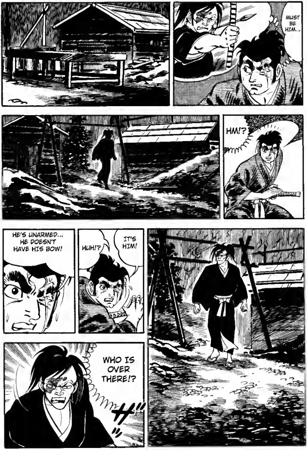
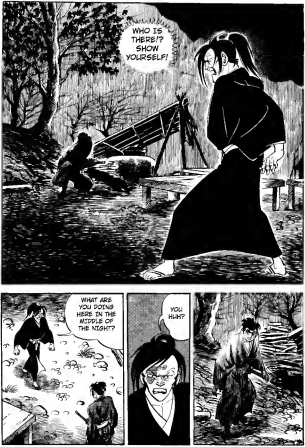
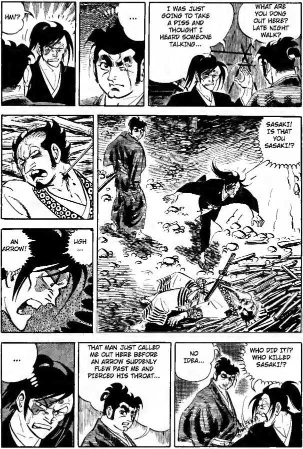

MUST BE HIM...
HM!?
HE'S UNARMED... HE DOESN'T HAVE HIS BOW!
HUH!?
IT'S HIM!
WHO IS OVER THERE!?


WHO IS THERE!? SHOW YOURSELF!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
YOU HUH?


WHAT ARE YOU DONG OUT HERE? LATE NIGHT WALK?
I WAS JUST GOING TO TAKE A PISS AND THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE TALKING...
...
HM!?
SASAKI! IS THAT YOU SASAKI!?
UGH ...
AN ARROW!
WHO DID IT!? WHO KILLED SASAKI!?
NO IDEA...
THAT MAN JUST CALLED ME OUT HERE BEFORE AN ARROW SUDDENLY FLEW PAST ME AND PIERCED HIS THROAT...
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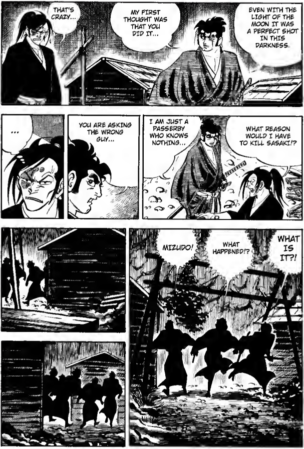
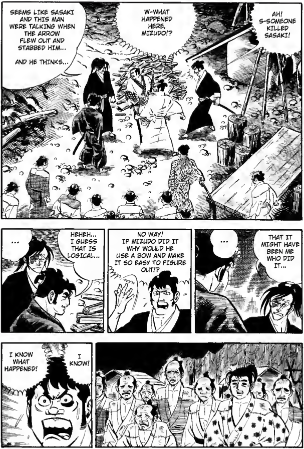
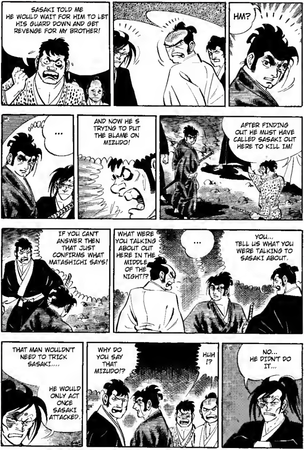
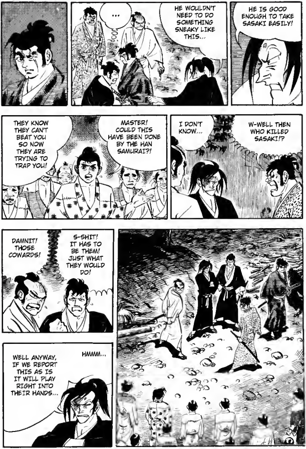

THAT'S CRAZY...
MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT YOU DID IT...
EVEN WITH THE LIGHT OF THE MOON IT WAS A PERFECT SHOT IN THIS DARKNESS.
...
YOU ARE ASKING THE WRONG GUY...
I AM JUST A PASSERBY WHO KNOWS NOTHING...
WHAT REASON WOULD I HAVE TO KILL SASAKI!?
MIZUDO!
WHAT HAPPENED!?
WHAT IS IT?!


AH! S-SOMEONE KILLED SASAKI!
W-WHAT HAPPENED HERE, MIZUDO!?
SEEMS LIKE SASAKI AND THIS MAN WERE TALKING WHEN THE ARROW FLEW OUT AND STABBED HIM... AND HE THINKS...
THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ME WHO DID IT...
...
NO WAY! IF MIZUDO DID IT WHY WOULD HE USE A BOW AND MAKE IT SO EASY TO FIGURE OUT!?
HEHEH... I GUESS THAT IS LOGICAL...
...
I KNOW!
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!


SASAKI TOLD ME HE WOULD WAIT FOR HIM TO LET HIS GUARD DOWN AND GET REVENGE FOR MY BROTHER!
HM?
...
AND NOW HE S TRYING TO PUT THE BLAME ON MIZUDO!
AFTER FINDING OUT HE MUST HAVE CALLED SASAKI OUT HERE TO KILL IM!
IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER THEN THAT JUST CONFIRMS WHAT MATASHICHI SAYS!
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!?
...
YOU... TELL US WHAT YOU WERE TALKING TO SASAKI ABOUT.
THAT MAN WOULDN'T NEED TO TRICK SASAKI....
HE WOULD ONLY ACT ONCE SASAKI ATTACKED.
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT MIZUDO!?
HUH !?
NO... HE DIDN'T DO IT...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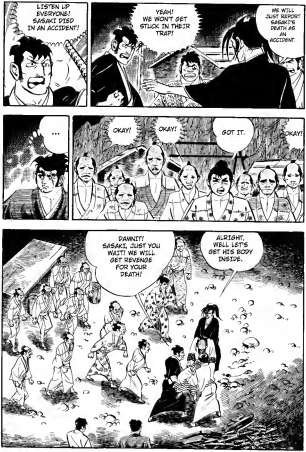
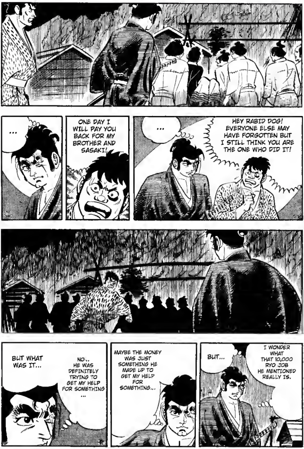
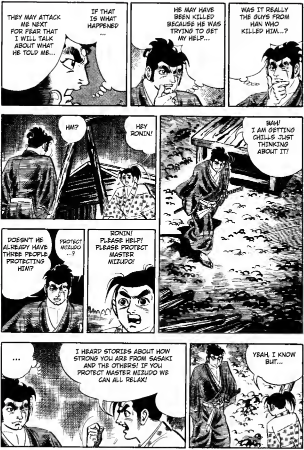
HE WOULDN'T NEED TO DO SOMETHING SNEAKY LIKE THIS...
HE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO TAKE SASAKI EASILY!
THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T BEAT YOU SO NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO TRAP YOU!
MASTER! COULD THIS HAVE BEEN DONE BY THE HAN SAMURAI?!
I DON'T KNOW...
W-WELL THEN WHO KILLED SASAKI!?
DAMNIT! THOSE COWARDS!
S-SHIT! IT HAS TO BE THEM! JUST WHAT THEY WOULD DO!
HMMM...
WELL ANYWAY, IF WE REPORT THIS AS IS IT WILL PLAY RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS...


LISTEN UP EVERYONE! SASAKI DIED IN AN ACCIDENT!
YEAH! WE WON'T GET STUCK IN THEIR TRAP!
WE WILL JUST REPORT SASAKI'S DEATH AS AN ACCIDENT.
...
OKAY!
OKAY!
GOT IT.
OKAY!
DAMNIT! SASAKI, JUST YOU WAIT! WE WILL GET REVENGE FOR YOUR DEATH!
ALRIGHT, WELL LET'S GET HIS BODY INSIDE.


HEY RABID DOG! EVERYONE ELSE MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN BUT I STILL THINK YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DID IT!
...
ONE DAY I WILL PAY YOU BACK FOR MY BROTHER AND SASAKI!
...
I WONDER WHAT THAT 10,000 RYO JOB HE MENTIONED REALLY IS.
BUT...
MAYBE THE MONEY WAS JUST SOMETHING HE MADE UP TO GET MY HELP FOR SOMETHING...
NO.. HE WAS DEFINITELY TRYING TO GET MY HELP FOR SOMETHING ...
BUT WHAT WAS IT...


WAS IT REALLY THE GUYS FROM HAN WHO KILLED HIM...?
HE MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO GET MY HELP...
IF THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED ...
THEY MAY ATTACK ME NEXT FOR FEAR THAT I WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT HE TOLD ME...
BAH! I AM GETTING CHILLS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!
HEY RONIN!
HM?
RONIN! PLEASE HELP! PLEASE PROTECT MASTER MIZUDO!
PROTECT MIZUDO ...?
DOESN'T HE ALREADY HAVE THREE PEOPLE PROTECTING HIM?
YEAH, I KNOW BUT...
I HEARD STORIES ABOUT HOW STRONG YOU ARE FROM SASAKI AND THE OTHERS! IF YOU PROTECT MASTER MIZUDO WE CAN ALL RELAX!
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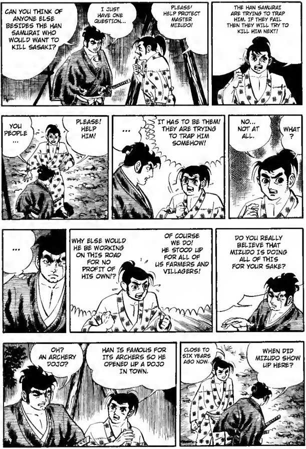
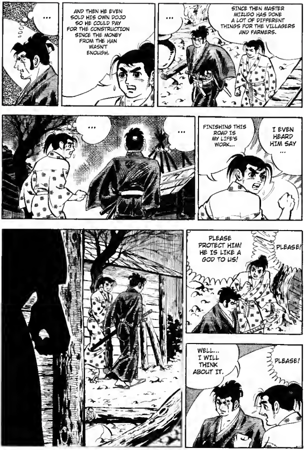

THE HAN SAMURAI ARE TRYING TO TRAP HIM. IF THEY FAIL THEN THEY WILL TRY TO KILL HIM NEXT!
PLEASE! HELP PROTECT MASTER MIZUDO!
I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION...
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYONE ELSE BESIDES THE HAN SAMURAI WHO WOULD WANT TO KILL SASAKI?
WHAT?
NO... NOT AT ALL.
IT HAS TO BE THEM! THEY ARE TRYING TO TRAP HIM SOMEHOW!
...
PLEASE! HELP HIM!
YOU PEOPLE ...
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT MIZUDO IS DOING ALL OF THIS FOR YOUR SAKE?
OF COURSE WE DO! HE STOOD UP FOR ALL OF US FARMERS AND VILLAGERS!
WHY ELSE WOULD HE BE WORKING ON THIS ROAD FOR NO PROFIT OF HIS OWN!?
...
WHEN DID MIZUDO SHOW UP HERE?
CLOSE TO SIX YEARS AGO NOW.
HAN IS FAMOUS FOR ITS ARCHERS SO HE OPENED UP A DOJO IN TOWN.
OH? AN ARCHERY DOJO?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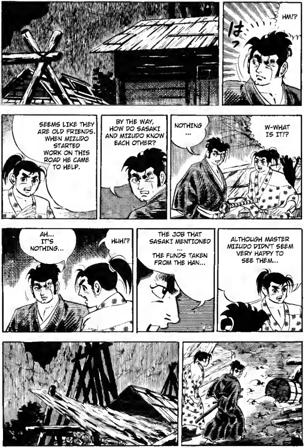
AND THEN HE EVEN SOLD HIS OWN DOJO SO HE COULD PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SINCE THE MONEY FROM THE HAN WASN'T ENOUGH.
...
SINCE THEN MASTER MIZUDO HAS DONE A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS FOR THE VILLAGERS AND FARMERS.
...
...
I EVEN HEARD HIM SAY ...
FINISHING THIS ROAD IS MY LIFE'S WORK...
PLEASE PROTECT HIM! HE IS LIKE A GOD TO US!
PLEASE!
WELL... I WILL THINK ABOUT IT.
PLEASE!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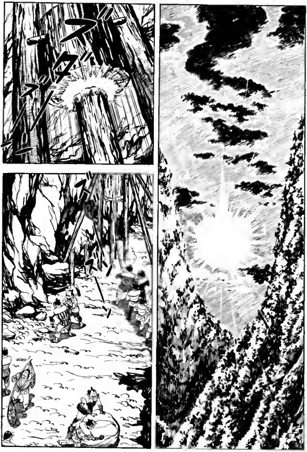
W-WHAT IS IT!?
NOTHING ...
BY THE WAY, HOW DO SASAKI AND MIZUDO KNOW EACH OTHER?
SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE OLD FRIENDS. WHEN MIZUDO STARTED WORK ON THIS ROAD HE CAME TO HELP.
ALTHOUGH MASTER MIZUDO DIDN'T SEEM VERY HAPPY TO SEE THEM...
THE JOB THAT SASAKI MENTIONED ... THE FUNDS TAKEN FROM THE HAN...
HUH!?
AH... IT'S NOTHING...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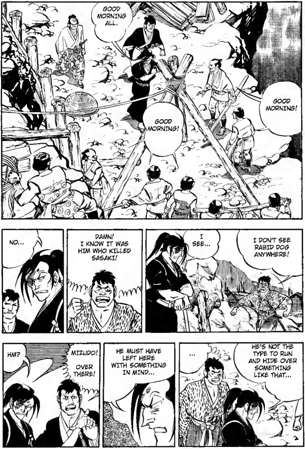
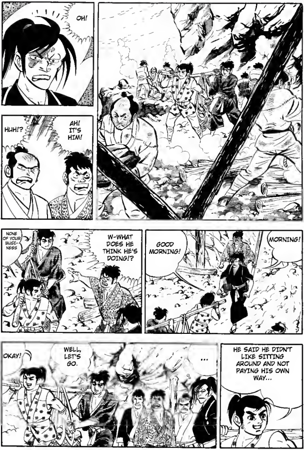
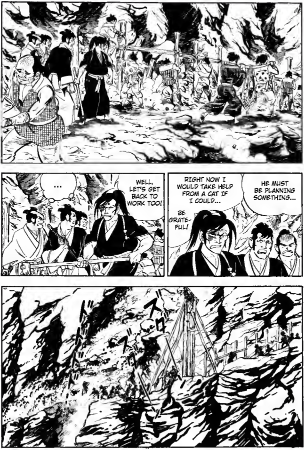

GOOD MORNING ALL.
GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING!
NO...
DAMN! I KNOW IT WAS HIM WHO KILLED SASAKI!
I SEE...
I DON'T SEE RABID DOG ANYWHERE!
HM?
MIZUDO! OVER THERE!
HE MUST HAVE LEFT HERE WITH SOMETHING IN MIND...
...
HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO RUN AND HIDE OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT...


OH!
HUH!?
AH! IT'S HIM!
W-WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING!?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
GOOD MORNING!
MORNING!
OKAY!
WELL, LET'S GO.
...
HE SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE SITTING AROUND AND NOT PAYING HIS OWN WAY...


...
WELL, LET'S GET BACK TO WORK TOO!
RIGHT NOW I WOULD TAKE HELP FROM A CAT IF I COULD...
BE GRATEFUL!
HE MUST BE PLANNING SOMETHING...
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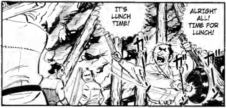
IT'S LUNCH TIME!
ALRIGHT ALL! TIME FOR LUNCH!
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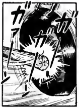
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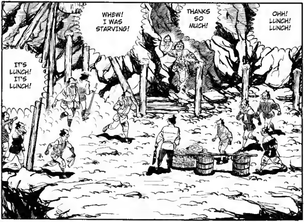
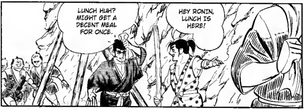
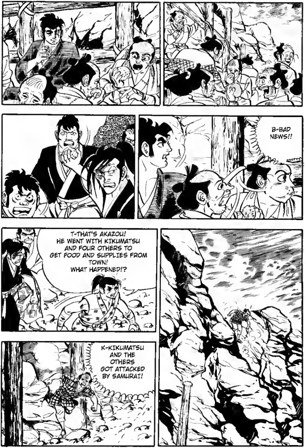
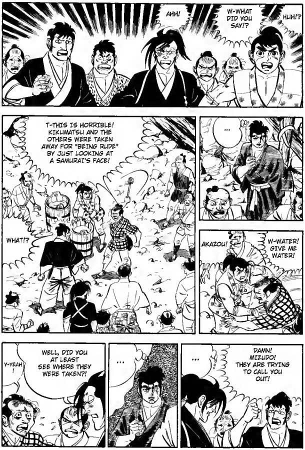
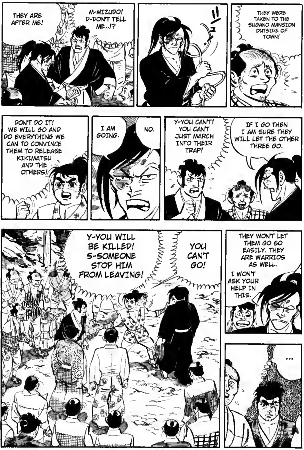

IT'S LUNCH! IT'S LUNCH!
WHEW! I WAS STARVING!
THANKS SO MUCH!
OHH! LUNCH! LUNCH!


LUNCH HUH? MIGHT GET A DECENT MEAL FOR ONCE.
HEY RONIN, LUNCH IS HERE!


B-BAD NEWS!!
T-THAT'S AKAZOU! HE WENT WITH KIKUMATSU AND FOUR OTHERS TO GET FOOD AND SUPPLIES FROM TOWN! WHAT HAPPENED!?
K-KIKUMATSU AND THE OTHERS GOT ATTACKED BY SAMURAI!


AHH!
W-WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
HUH!?
T-THIS IS HORRIBLE! KIKUMATSU AND THE OTHERS WERE TAKEN AWAY FOR "BEING RUDE" BY JUST LOOKING AT A SAMURAI'S FACE!
WHAT!?
...
AKAZOU!
W-WATER! GIVE ME WATER!
WELL, DID YOU AT LEAST SEE WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN?!
Y-YEAH!
...
...
DAMN! MIZUDO! THEY ARE TRYING TO CALL YOU OUT!


THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE SUGANO MANSION OUTSIDE OF TOWN!
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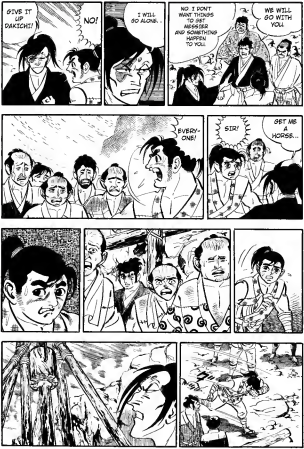
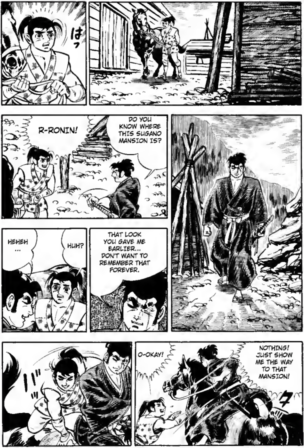
M-MIZUDO! D-DON'T TELL ME..!?
THEY ARE AFTER ME!
IF I GO THEN I AM SURE THEY WILL LET THE OTHER THREE GO.
Y-YOU CAN'T! YOU CAN'T JUST MARCH INTO THEIR TRAP!
NO.
I AM GOING.
DON'T DO IT! WE WILL GO AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO CONVINCE THEM TO RELEASE KIKIMATSU AND THE OTHERS!
THEY WON'T LET THEM GO SO EASILY. THEY ARE WARRIOS AS WELL.
I WON'T ASK YOUR HELP IN THIS.
...
YOU CAN'T GO!
Y-YOU WILL BE KILLED! S-SOMEONE STOP HIM FROM LEAVING!


GIVE IT UP DAKICHI!
NO!
I WILL GO ALONE. .
WE WILL GO WITH YOU.
NO. I DON'T WANT THINGS TO GET MESSIER AND SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU.
EVERY-ONE!
SIR!
GET ME A HORSE...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DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS SUGANO MANSION IS?
R-RONIN!
THAT LOOK YOU GAVE ME EARLIER... DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER THAT FOREVER.
HUH?
HEHEH ...
NOTHING! JUST SHOW ME THE WAY TO THAT MANSION!
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O-OKAY!
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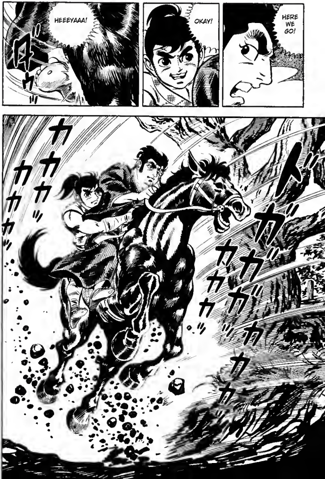
HERE WE GO!
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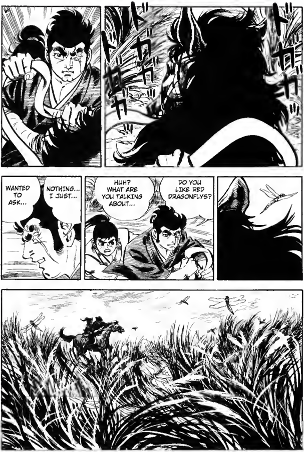
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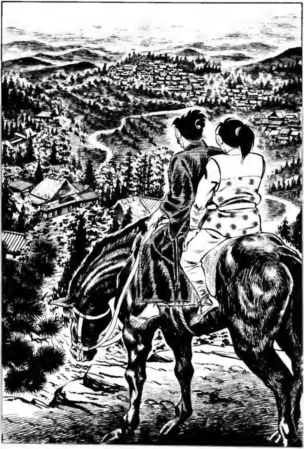
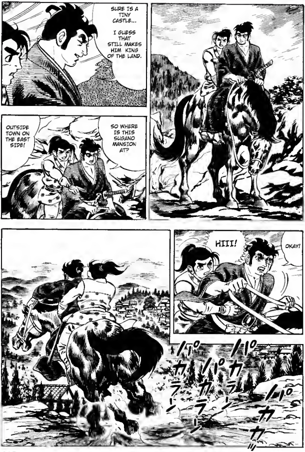
DO YOU LIKE RED DRAGONFLYS?
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
NOTHING... I JUST...
WANTED TO ASK...




SURE IS A TINY CASTLE...
I GUESS THAT STILL MAKES HIM KING OF THE LAND.
SO WHERE IS THIS SUGANO MANSION AT?
OUTSIDE TOWN ON THE EAST SIDE!
OKAY!
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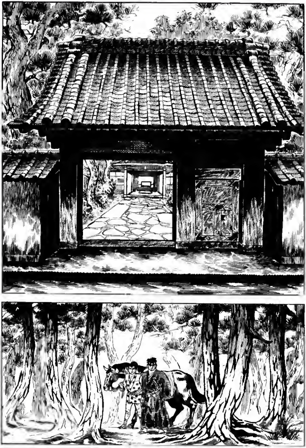

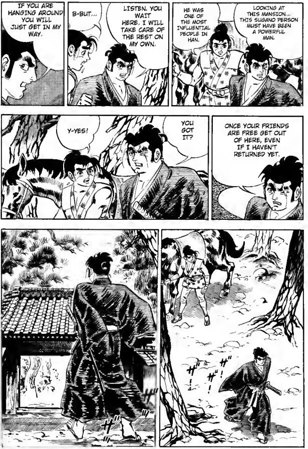
IF YOU ARE HANGING AROUND YOU WILL JUST GET IN MY WAY.
B-BUT...
LISTEN. YOU WAIT HERE. I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST ON MY OWN.
HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN HAN.
LOOKING AT THIS MANSION... THIS SUGANO PERSON MUST HAVE BEEN A POWERFUL MAN.
Y-YES!
YOU GOT IT?
ONCE YOUR FRIENDS ARE FREE GET OUT OF HERE, EVEN IF I HAVEN'T RETURNED YET.
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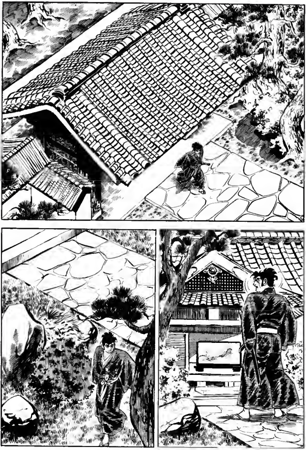

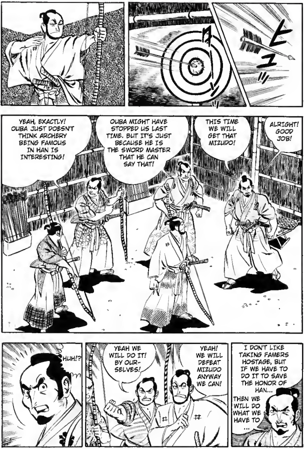
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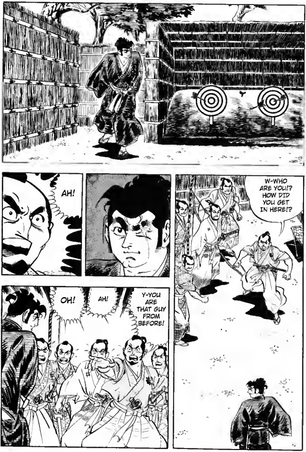
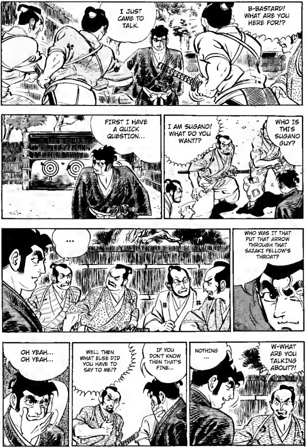
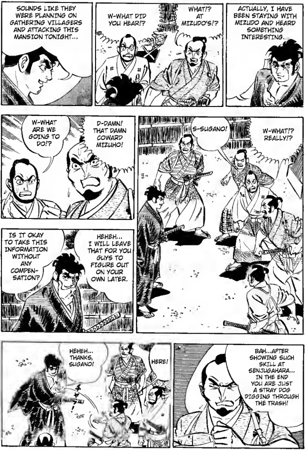
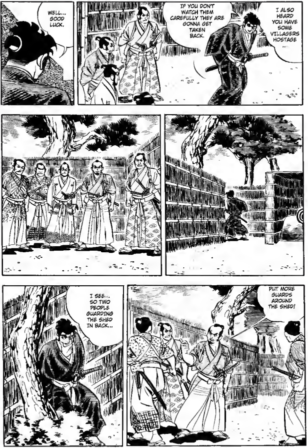
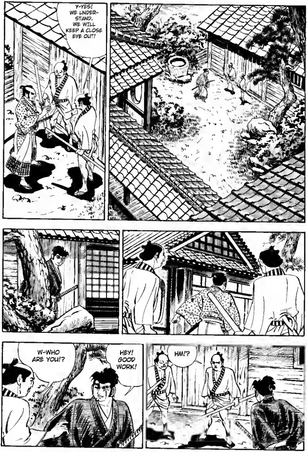
ALRIGHT! GOOD JOB!
THIS TIME WE WILL GET THAT MIZUDO!
OUBA MIGHT HAVE STOPPED US LAST TIME. BUT IT'S JUST BECAUSE HE IS THE SWORD MASTER THAT HE CAN SAY THAT!
YEAH, EXACTLY! OUBA JUST DOESN'T THINK ARCHERY BEING FAMOUS IN HAN IS INTERESTING!
I DON'T LIKE TAKING FAMERS HOSTAGE, BUT IF WE HAVE TO DO IT TO SAVE THE HONOR OF HAN...
THEN WE WILL DO WHAT WE HAVE TO ...
YEAH! WE WILL DEFEAT MIZUDO ANYWAY WE CAN!
YEAH WE WILL DO IT! BY OUR-SELVES!
HUH!?

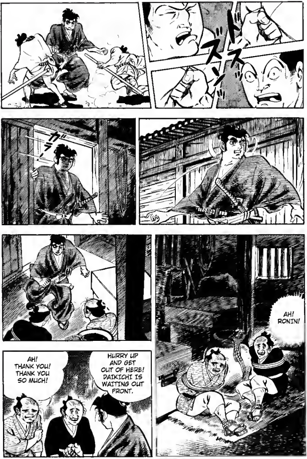

W-WHO ARE YOU!? HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE!?
AH!
Y-YOU ARE THAT GUY FROM BEFORE!
AH!
OH!


B-BASTARD! WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR!?
I JUST CAME TO TALK.
WHO IS THIS SUGANO GUY?
I AM SUGANO! WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
FIRST I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION...
WHO WAS IT THAT PUT THAT ARROW THROUGH THAT SAZAKI FELLOW'S THROAT?
...
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
NOTHING ...
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THEN THAT'S FINE...
WELL THEN WHAT ELSE DID YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME!?
OH YEAH... OH YEAH...


ACTUALLY, I HAVE BEEN STAYING WITH MIZUDO AND HEARD SOMETHING INTERESTING.
WHAT!? AT MIZUDO'S!?
W-WHAT DID YOU HEAR!?
SOUNDS LIKE THEY WERE PLANNING ON GATHERING VILLAGERS AND ATTACKING THIS MANSION TONIGHT...
W-WHAT!? REALLY!?
D-DAMN! THAT DAMN COWARD MIZUHO!
W-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO!?
IS IT OKAY TO TAKE THIS INFORMATION WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION?
HEHEH... I WILL LEAVE THAT FOR YOU GUYS TO FIGURE OUT ON YOUR OWN LATER.
S-SUGANO!
BAH...AFTER SHOWING SUCH SKILL AT SENJUGAHARA... IN THE END YOU ARE JUST A STRAY DOG DIGGING THROUGH THE TRASH!
HERE!
HEHEH... THANKS, SUGANO!


WELL... GOOD LUCK.
IF YOU DON'T WATCH THEM CAREFULLY THEY ARE GONNA GET TAKEN BACK.
I ALSO HEARD YOU HAVE SOME VILLAGERS HOSTAGE...
I SEE... SO TWO PEOPLE GUARDING THE SHED IN BACK...
PUT MORE GUARDS AROUND THE SHED!


Y-YES! WE UNDERSTAND. WE WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE OUT!
W-WHO ARE YOU!?
HEY! GOOD WORK!
HM!?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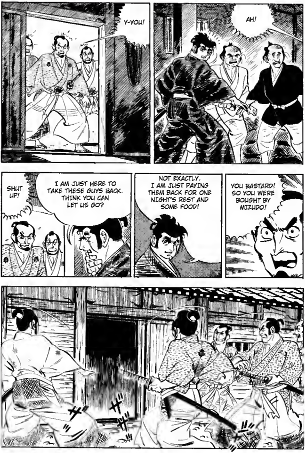
AH! RONIN!
HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE! DAIKICHI IS WAITING OUT FRONT.
AH! THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!


Y-YOU!
AH!
SHUT UP!
I AM JUST HERE TO TAKE THESE GUYS BACK. THINK YOU CAN LET US GO?
NOT EXACTLY. I AM JUST PAYING THEM BACK FOR ONE NIGHT'S REST AND SOME FOOD!
YOU BASTARD! SO YOU WERE BOUGHT BY MIZUDO!
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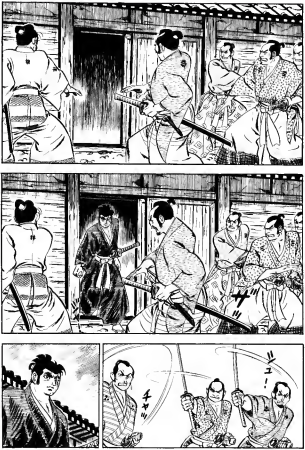
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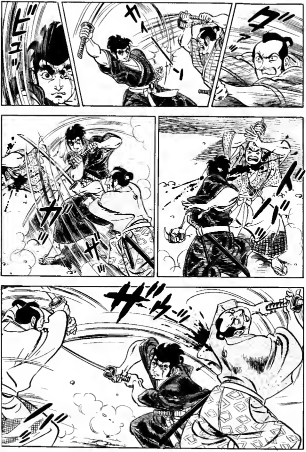
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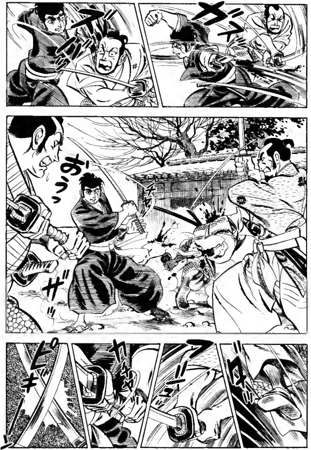
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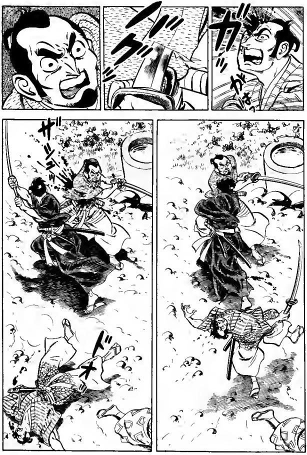
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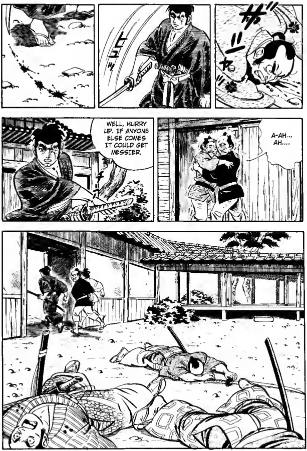
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A-AH... AH....
WELL, HURRY UP. IF ANYONE ELSE COMES IT COULD GET MESSIER.
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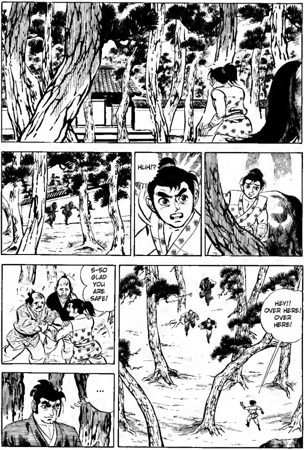
HUH!?
HEY!! OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
S-SO GLAD YOU ARE SAFE!
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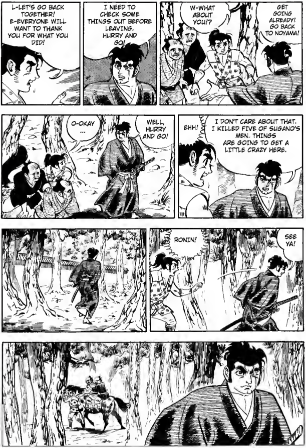
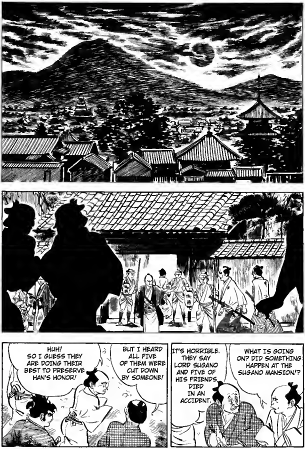
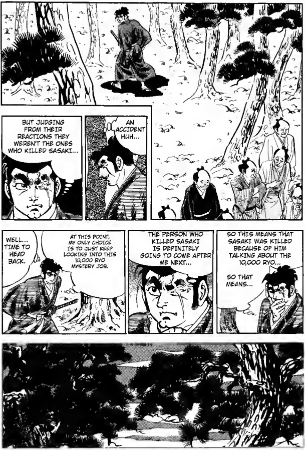
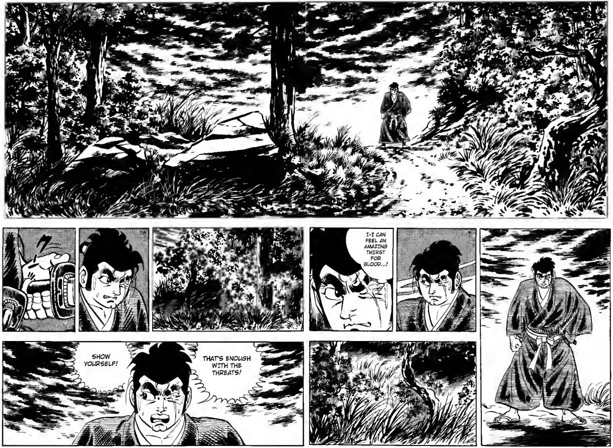
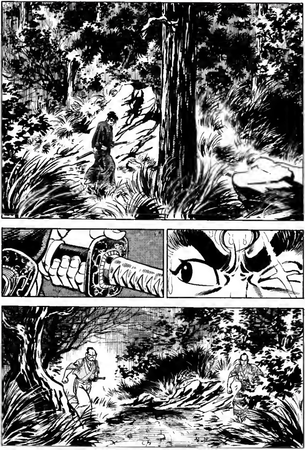
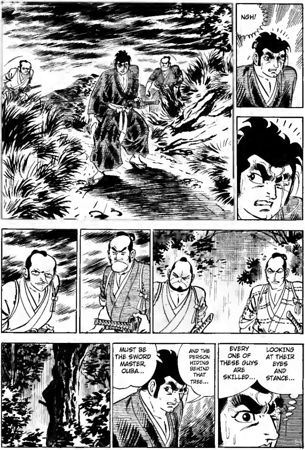

L-LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER! E-EVERYONE WILL WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID!
I NEED TO CHECK SOME THINGS OUT BEFORE LEAVING. HURRY AND GO!
W-WHAT ABOUT YOU!?
GET GOING ALREADY! GO BACK TO NOYAMA!
O-OKAY ...
WELL, HURRY AND GO!
EHH!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT. I KILLED FIVE OF SUGANO'S MEN. THINGS ARE GOING TO GET A LITTLE CRAZY HERE.
RONIN!
SEE YA!

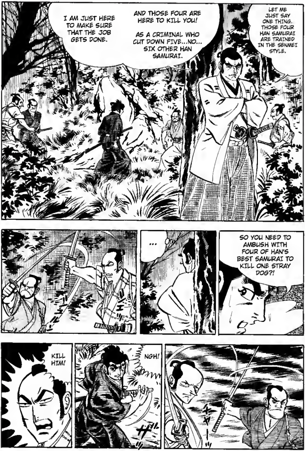

WHAT IS GOING ON? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT THE SUGANO MANSION!?
IT'S HORRIBLE. THEY SAY LORD SUGANO AND FIVE OF HIS FRIENDS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.
BUT I HEARD ALL FIVE OF THEM WERE CUT DOWN BY SOMEONE!
HUH! SO I GUESS THEY ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO PRESERVE HAN'S HONOR!


AN ACCIDENT HUH...
BUT JUDGING FROM THEIR REACTIONS THEY WEREN'T THE ONES WHO KILLED SASAKI...
SO THIS MEANS THAT SASAKI WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF HIM TALKING ABOUT THE 10,000 RYO...
SO THAT MEANS...
THE PERSON WHO KILLED SASAKI IS DEFINITELY GOING TO COME AFTER ME NEXT...
AT THIS POINT, MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO JUST KEEP LOOKING INTO THIS 10,000 RYO MYSTERY JOB.
WELL... TIME TO HEAD BACK.


I-I CAN FEEL AN AMAZING THIRST FOR BLOOD...!
THAT'S ENOUGH WITH THE THREATS!
SHOW YOURSELF!




NGH!
MUST BE THE SWORD MASTER, OUBA...
AND THE PERSON HIDING BEHIND THAT TREE...
EVERY ONE OF THESE GUYS ARE SKILLED...
LOOKING AT THEIR EYES AND STANCE...


I AM JUST HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE JOB GETS DONE.
AND THOSE FOUR ARE HERE TO KILL YOU!
AS A CRIMINAL WHO CUT DOWN FIVE...NO... SIX OTHER HAN SAMURAI.
LET ME JUST SAY ONE THING. THOSE FOUR HAN SAMURAI ARE TRAINED IN THE SENMEI STYLE.
...
SO YOU NEED TO AMBUSH WITH FOUR OF HAN'S BEST SAMURAI TO KILL ONE STRAY DOG?!
KILL HIM!
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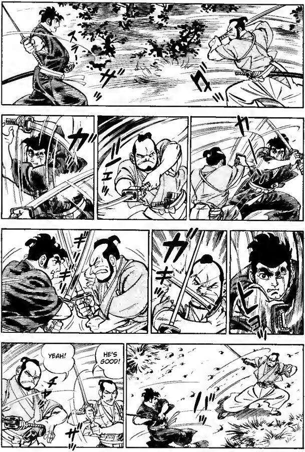
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HE'S GOOD!
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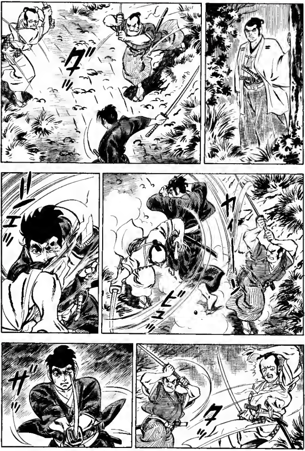
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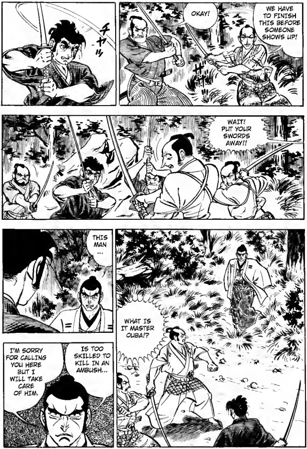
WE HAVE TO FINISH THIS BEFORE SOMEONE SHOWS UP!
OKAY!
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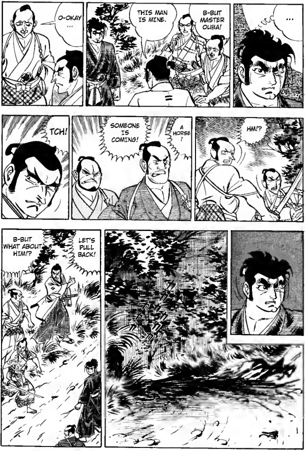
WAIT! PUT YOUR SWORDS AWAY!!
WHAT IS IT MASTER OUBA!?
THIS MAN ...
IS TOO SKILLED TO KILL IN AN AMBUSH...
I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU HERE BUT I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM.


O-OKAY ...
THIS MAN IS MINE.
B-BUT MASTER OUBA!
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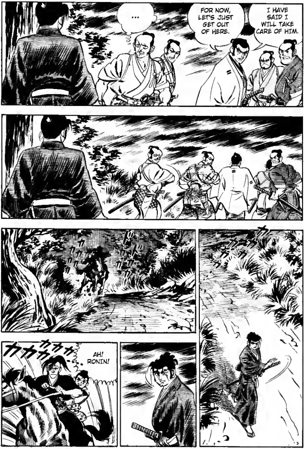
TCH!
SOMEONE IS COMING!
A HORSE !
HM!?
B-BUT WHAT ABOUT HIM!?
LET'S PULL BACK!


I HAVE SAID I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
FOR NOW, LET'S JUST GET OUT OF HERE.
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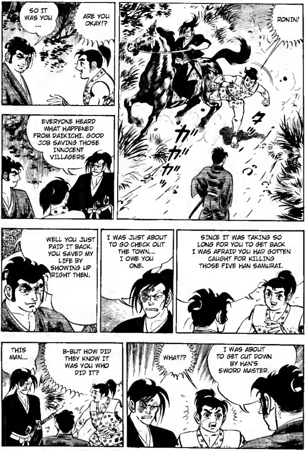
AH! RONIN!


RONIN!
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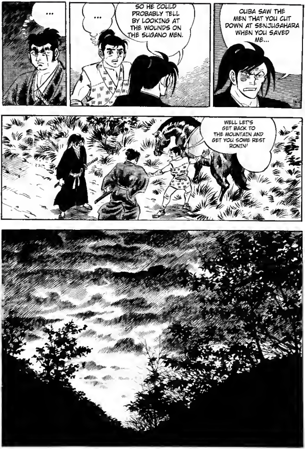
ARE YOU OKAY!?
SO IT WAS YOU ...
EVERYONE HEARD WHAT HAPPENED FROM DAIKICHI. GOOD JOB SAVING THOSE INNOCENT VILLAGERS.
SINCE IT WAS TAKING SO LONG FOR YOU TO GET BACK I WAS AFRAID YOU HAD GOTTEN CAUGHT FOR KILLING THOSE FIVE HAN SAMURAI.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO CHECK OUT THE TOWN... I OWE YOU ONE.
WELL YOU JUST PAID IT BACK. YOU SAVED MY LIFE BY SHOWING UP RIGHT THEN.
I WAS ABOUT TO GET CUT DOWN BY HAN'S SWORD MASTER.
WHAT!?
B-BUT HOW DID THEY KNOW IT WAS YOU WHO DID IT?
THIS MAN...


OUBA SAW THE MEN THAT YOU CUT DOWN AT SENJUGAHARA WHEN YOU SAVED ME...
SO HE COULD PROBABLY TELL BY LOOKING AT THE WOUNDS ON THE SUGANO MEN.
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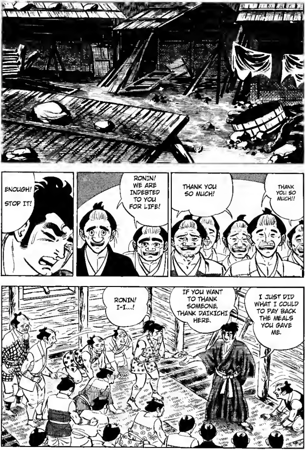
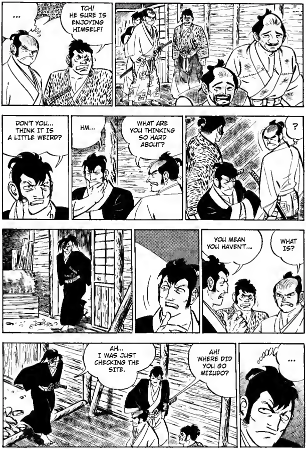
...
WELL LET'S GET BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN AND GET YOU SOME REST RONIN!


ENOUGH!
STOP IT!
RONIN! WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU FOR LIFE!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
RONIN! I-I...!
IF YOU WANT TO THANK SOMEONE, THANK DAIKICHI HERE.
I JUST DID WHAT I COULD TO PAY BACK THE MEALS YOU GAVE ME.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TCH! HE SURE IS ENJOYING HIMSELF!
DON'T YOU... THINK IT IS A LITTLE WEIRD?
HM...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING SO HARD ABOUT?
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YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T...
WHAT IS?
AH! WHERE DID YOU GO MIZUDO?
AH... I WAS JUST CHECKING THE SITE.
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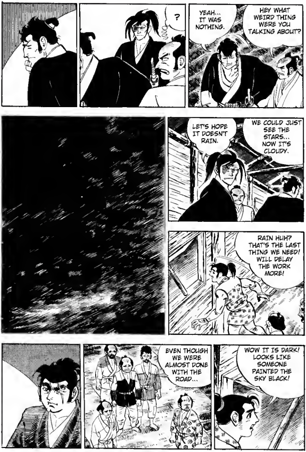
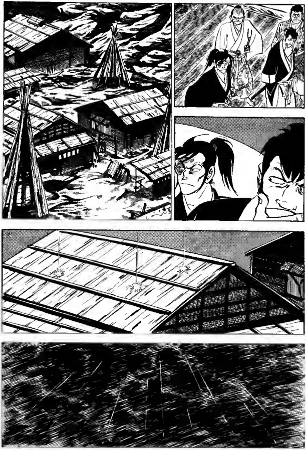
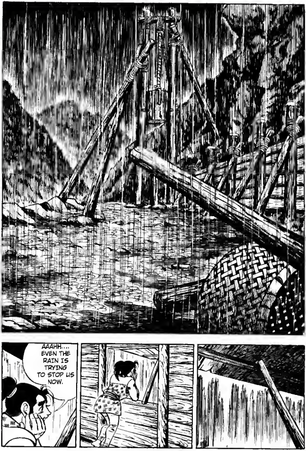
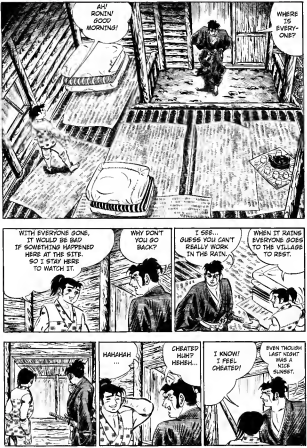
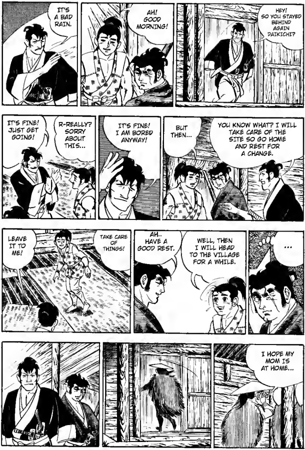
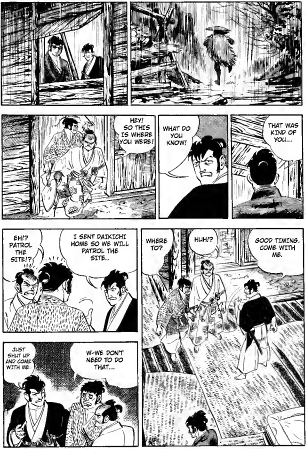

HEY WHAT WEIRD THING WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YEAH... IT WAS NOTHING.
?
WE COULD JUST SEE THE STARS... NOW IT'S CLOUDY.
LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T RAIN.
RAIN HUH? THAT'S THE LAST THING WE NEED! WILL DELAY THE WORK MORE!
WOW IT IS DARK! LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE PAINTED THE SKY BLACK!
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ALMOST DONE WITH THE ROAD...

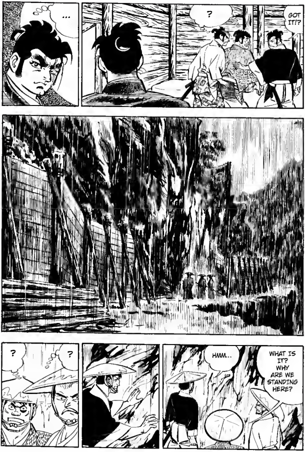



AAAHH.... EVEN THE RAIN IS TRYING TO STOP US NOW.


AH! RONIN! GOOD MORNING!
WHERE IS EVERYONE?
WHEN IT RAINS EVERYONE GOES TO THE VILLAGE TO REST.
I SEE... GUESS YOU CAN'T REALLY WORK IN THE RAIN.
WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK?
WITH EVERYONE GONE, IT WOULD BE BAD IF SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE AT THE SITE. SO I STAY HERE TO WATCH IT.
EVEN THOUGH LAST NIGHT WAS A NICE SUNSET.
I KNOW! I FEEL CHEATED!
CHEATED HUH? HEHEH...
HAHAHAH ...


HEY! SO YOU STAYED BEHIND AGAIN DAIKICHI?
AH! GOOD MORNING!
IT'S A BAD RAIN.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SITE SO GO HOME AND REST FOR A CHANGE.
BUT THEN...
IT'S FINE! I AM BORED ANYWAY!
R-REALLY? SORRY ABOUT THIS...
IT'S FINE! JUST GET GOING!
...
WELL, THEN I WILL HEAD TO THE VILLAGE FOR A WHILE.
AH.. HAVE A GOOD REST.
TAKE CARE OF THINGS!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
I HOPE MY MOM IS AT HOME...


HEY! SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW!
THAT WAS KIND OF YOU...
I SENT DAIKICHI HOME SO WE WILL PATROL THE SITE..
EH!? PATROL THE SITE!?
W-WE DON'T NEED TO DO THAT...
JUST SHUT UP AND COME WITH ME
GOOD TIMING. COME WITH ME.
HUH!?
WHERE TO?


GOT IT!?
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WHAT IS IT? WHY ARE WE STANDING HERE?
HMM...
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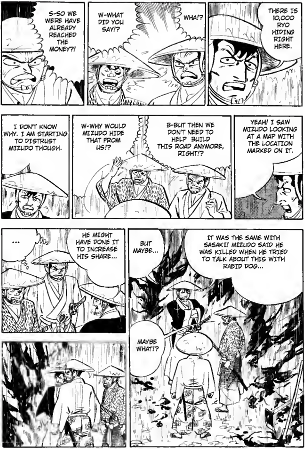
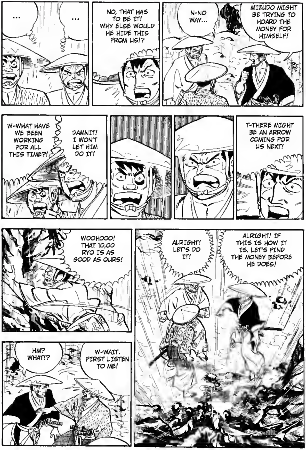

THERE IS 10,000 RYO HIDING RIGHT HERE.
WHA!?
W-WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
S-SO WE WERE HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE MONEY?!
YEAH! I SAW MIZUDO LOOKING AT A MAP WITH THE LOCATION MARKED ON IT.
B-BUT THEN WE DON'T NEED TO HELP BUILD THIS ROAD ANYMORE, RIGHT!?
W-WHY WOULD MIZUDO HIDE THAT FROM US!?
I DON'T KNOW WHY. I AM STARTING TO DISTRUST MIZUDO THOUGH.
HE MIGHT HAVE DONE IT TO INCREASE HIS SHARE...
...
BUT MAYBE...
IT WAS THE SAME WITH SASAKI! MIZUDO SAID HE WAS KILLED WHEN HE TRIED TO TALK ABOUT THIS WITH RABID DOG...
MAYBE WHAT!?


MIZUDO MIGHT BE TRYING TO HOARD THE MONEY FOR HIMSELF!
N-NO WAY...
NO, THAT HAS TO BE IT! WHY ELSE WOULD HE HIDE THIS FROM US!?
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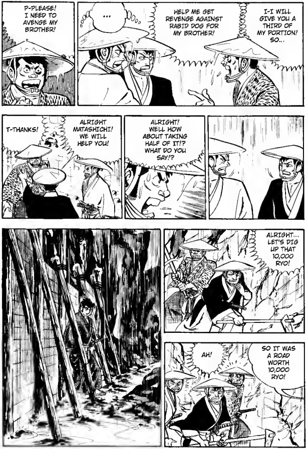
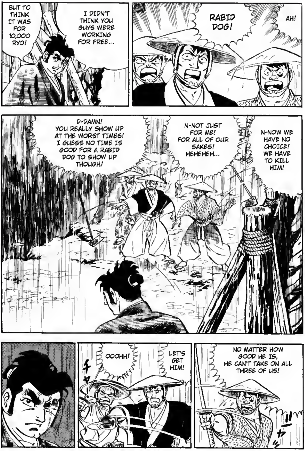
T-THERE MIGHT BE AN ARROW COMING FOR US NEXT!
DAMNIT! I WON'T LET HIM DO IT!
W-WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING FOR ALL THIS TIME?!
ALRIGHT! IF THIS IS HOW IT IS, LET'S FIND THE MONEY BEFORE HE DOES!
ALRIGHT! LET'S DO IT!
WOOHOOO! THAT 10,00 RYO IS AS GOOD AS OURS!
W-WAIT. FIRST LISTEN TO ME!
HM? WHAT!?


P-PLEASE! I NEED TO AVENGE MY BROTHER!
...
HELP ME GET REVENGE AGAINST RABID DOG FOR MY BROTHER!
I-I WILL GIVE YOU A THIRD OF MY PORTION! SO...
T-THANKS!
ALRIGHT MATASHICHI! WE WILL HELP YOU!
ALRIGHT! WELL HOW ABOUT TAKING HALF OF IT!? WHAT DO YOU SAY!?
ALRIGHT... LET'S DIG UP THAT 10,000 RYO!
AH!
SO IT WAS A ROAD WORTH 10,000 RYO!


I DIDN'T THINK YOU GUYS WERE WORKING FOR FREE...
BUT TO THINK IT WAS FOR 10,000 RYO!
RABID DOG!
AH!
D-DAMN! YOU REALLY SHOW UP AT THE WORST TIMES! I GUESS NO TIME IS GOOD FOR A RABID DOG TO SHOW UP THOUGH!
N-NOT JUST FOR ME! FOR ALL OF OUR SAKES! HEHEHEH...
N-NOW WE HAVE NO CHOICE! WE HAVE TO KILL HIM!
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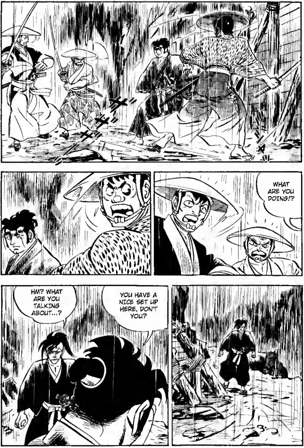
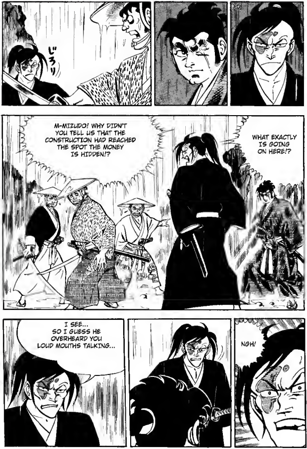
OOOHH!
LET'S GET HIM!
NO MATTER HOW GOOD HE IS, HE CAN'T TAKE ON ALL THREE OF US!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU HAVE A NICE SET UP HERE, DON'T YOU?
HM? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?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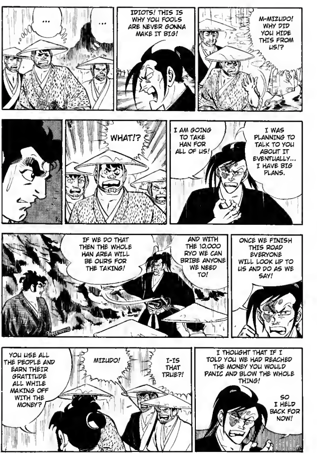
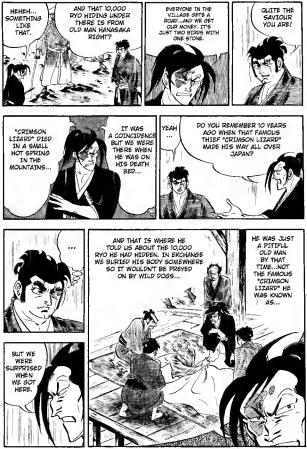
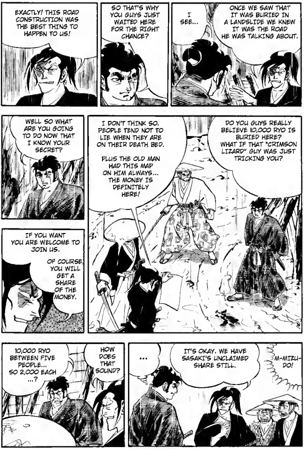
WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE!?
M-MIZUDO! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT THE CONSTRUCTION HAD REACHED THE SPOT THE MONEY IS HIDDEN!?
NGH!
I SEE... SO I GUESS HE OVERHEARD YOU LOUD MOUTHS TALKING...


M-MIZUDO! WHY DID YOU HIDE THIS FROM US!?
IDIOTS! THIS IS WHY YOU FOOLS ARE NEVER GONNA MAKE IT BIG!
...
...
I WAS PLANNING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT EVENTUALLY... I HAVE BIG PLANS.
I AM GOING TO TAKE HAN FOR ALL OF US!
WHAT!?
ONCE WE FINISH THIS ROAD EVERYONE WILL LOOK UP TO US AND DO AS WE SAY!
AND WITH THE 10,000 RYO WE CAN BRIBE ANYONE WE NEED TO!
IF WE DO THAT THEN THE WHOLE HAN AREA WILL BE OURS FOR THE TAKING!
I THOUGHT THAT IF I TOLD YOU WE HAD REACHED THE MONEY YOU WOULD PANIC AND BLOW THE WHOLE THING!
SO I HELD BACK FOR NOW!
I-IS THAT TRUE?!
MIZUDO!
YOU USE ALL THE PEOPLE AND EARN THEIR GRATITUDE ALL WHILE MAKING OFF WITH THE MONEY?


QUITE THE SAVIOUR YOU ARE!
EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE GETS A ROAD ...AND WE GET OUR MONEY. IT'S JUST TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
AND THAT 10,000 RYO HIDING UNDER THERE IS FROM OLD MAN HANASAKA RIGHT?
HEHEH... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
DO YOU REMEMBER 10 YEARS AGO WHEN THAT FAMOUS THIEF "CRIMSON LIZARD" MADE HIS WAY ALL OVER JAPAN?
YEAH ...
IT WAS A COINCIDENCE BUT WE WERE THERE WHEN HE WAS ON HIS DEATH BED...
"CRIMSON LIZARD" DIED IN A SMALL HOT SPRING IN THE MOUNTAINS...
AND THAT IS WHERE HE TOLD US ABOUT THE 10,000 RYO HE HAD HIDDEN. IN EXCHANGE WE BURIED HIS BODY SOMEWHERE SO IT WOULDN'T BE PREYED ON BY WILD DOGS...
HE WAS JUST A PITIFUL OLD MAN BY THAT TIME...NOT THE FAMOUS "CRIMSON LIZARD" HE WAS KNOWN AS...
...
BUT WE WERE SURPRISED WHEN WE GOT HERE.


EXACTLY! THIS ROAD CONSTRUCTION WAS THE BEST THING TO HAPPEN TO US!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU GUYS JUST WAITED HERE FOR THE RIGHT CHANCE?
I SEE...
ONCE WE SAW THAT IT WAS BURIED IN A LANDSLIDE WE KNEW IT WAS THE ROAD HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
WELL SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW THAT I KNOW YOUR SECRET?
IF YOU WANT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.
OF COURSE, YOU WILL GET A SHARE OF THE MONEY.
DO YOU GUYS REALLY BELIEVE 10,000 RYO IS BURIED HERE? WHAT IF THAT "CRIMSON LIZARD" GUY WAS JUST TRICKING YOU?
I DON'T THINK SO. PEOPLE TEND NOT TO LIE WHEN THEY ARE ON THEIR DEATH BED.
PLUS THE OLD MAN HAD THIS MAP ON HIM ALWAYS... THE MONEY IS DEFINITELY HERE!
10,000 RYO BETWEEN FIVE PEOPLE... SO 2,000 EACH ...?
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
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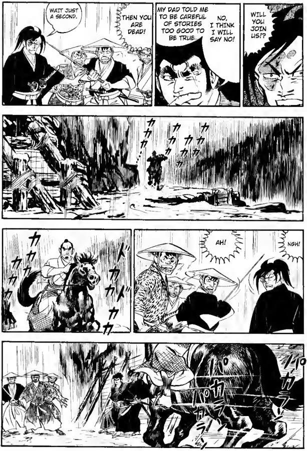
IT'S OKAY. WE HAVE SASAKI'S UNCLAIMED SHARE STILL.
M-MIZU-DO!


WAIT JUST A SECOND.
THEN YOU ARE DEAD!
MY DAD TOLD ME TO BE CAREFUL OF STORIES TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
NO, I THINK I WILL SAY NO!
WILL YOU JOIN US!?
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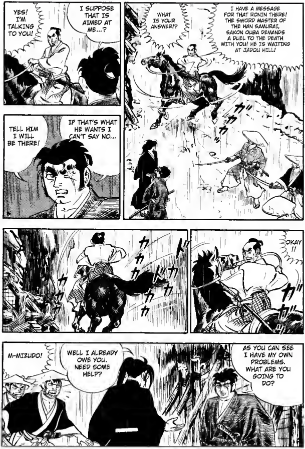
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THAT RONIN THERE! THE SWORD MASTER OF THE HAN SAMURAI, SAKON OUBA DEMANDS A DUEL TO THE DEATH WITH YOU! HE IS WAITING AT JADOU HILL!
WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER!?
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I SUPPOSE THAT IS AIMED AT ME...?
YES! I'M TALKING TO YOU!
IF THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS I CAN'T SAY NO...
TELL HIM I WILL BE THERE!
OKAY !!
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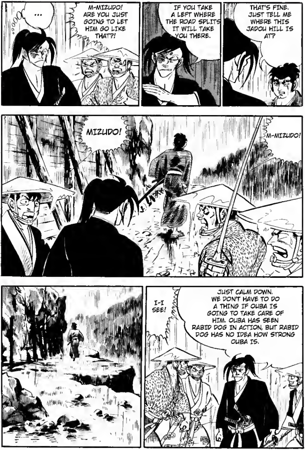
AS YOU CAN SEE I HAVE MY OWN PROBLEMS. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WELL I ALREADY OWE YOU. NEED SOME HELP?
M-MIZUDO!


THAT'S FINE. JUST TELL ME WHERE THIS JADOU HILL IS AT?
IF YOU TAKE A LEFT WHERE THE ROAD SPLITS IT WILL TAKE YOU THERE.
M-MIZUDO! ARE YOU JUST GOING TO LET HIM GO LIKE THAT?!
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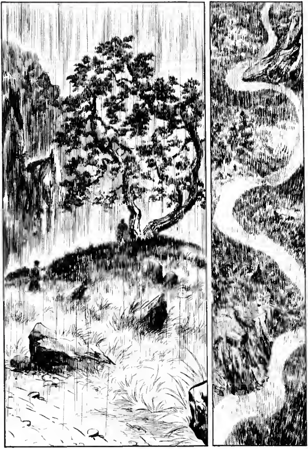
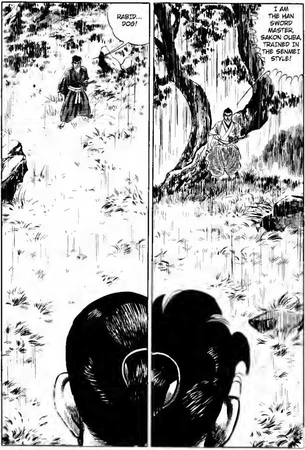
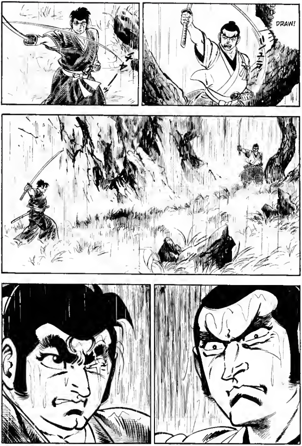
M-MIZUDO!
MIZUDO!
JUST CALM DOWN. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO A THING IF OUBA IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM. OUBA HAS SEEN RABID DOG IN ACTION, BUT RABID DOG HAS NO IDEA HOW STRONG OUBA IS.
I-I SEE!




I AM THE HAN SWORD MASTER, SAKON OUBA, TRAINED IN THE SENMEI STYLE!
RABID... DOG!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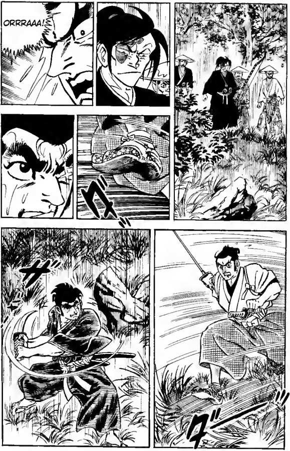
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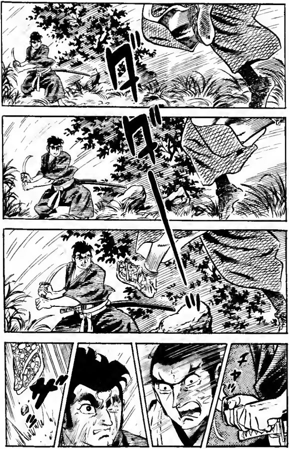
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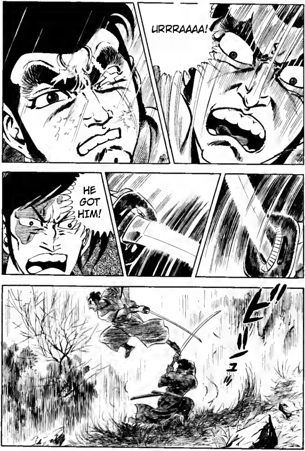
URRRAAAA!
HE GOT HIM!
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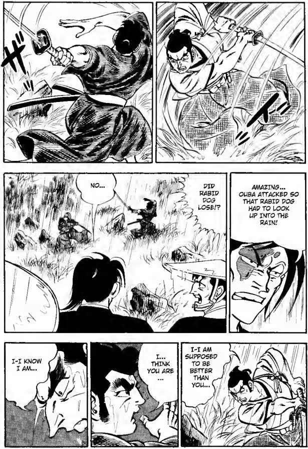
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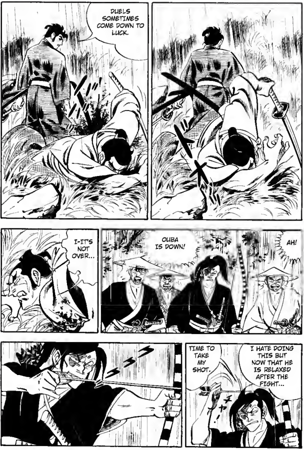
AMAZING... OUBA ATTACKED SO THAT RABID DOG HAD TO LOOK UP INTO THE RAIN!
DID RABID DOG LOSE!?
NO...
I-I AM SUPPOSED TO BE BETTER THAN YOU...
I... THINK YOU ARE ...
I-I KNOW I AM...


DUELS SOMETIMES COME DOWN TO LUCK.
I-IT'S NOT OVER...
OUBA IS DOWN!
AH!
TIME TO TAKE MY SHOT.
I HATE DOING THIS BUT NOW THAT HE IS RELAXED AFTER THE FIGHT...
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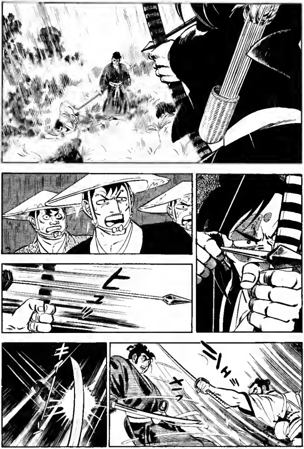
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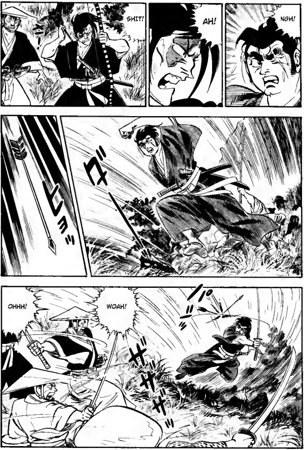
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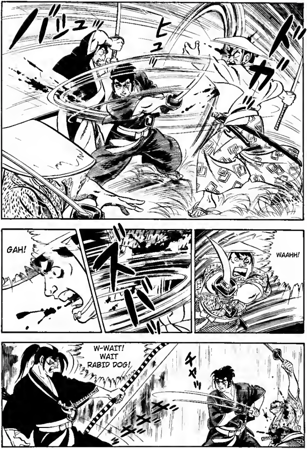
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W-WAIT! WAIT RABID DOG!
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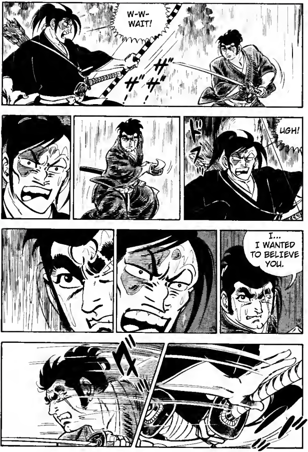
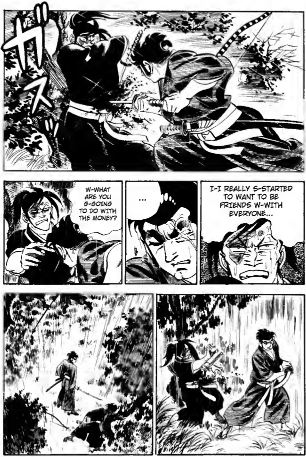

W-W-WAIT!
UGH!
I... I WANTED TO BELIEVE YOU.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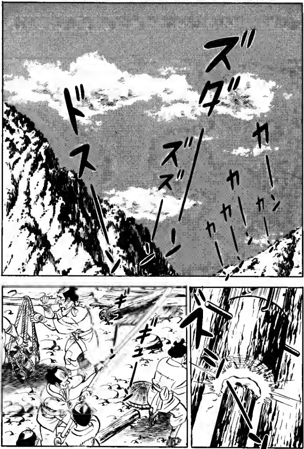
W-WHAT ARE YOU G-GOING TO DO WITH THE MONEY?
...
I-I REALLY S-STARTED TO WANT TO BE FRIENDS W-WITH EVERYONE...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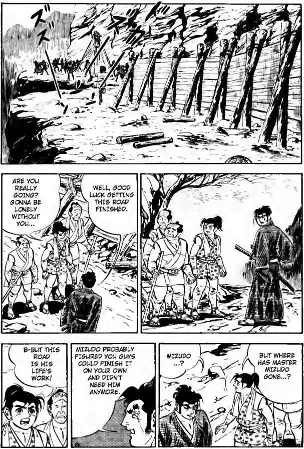
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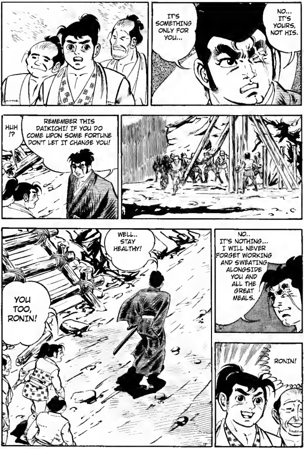
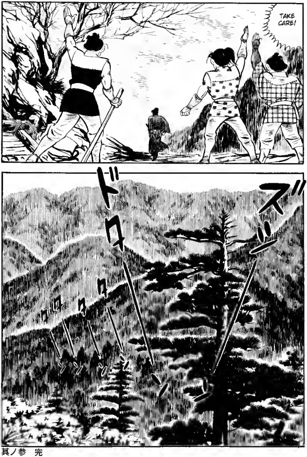
ARE YOU REALLY GOING? GONNA BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU...
WELL, GOOD LUCK GETTING THIS ROAD FINISHED.
B-BUT THIS ROAD IS HIS LIFE'S WORK!
MIZUDO PROBABLY FIGURED YOU GUYS COULD FINISH IT ON YOUR OWN AND DIDN'T NEED HIM ANYMORE.
MIZUDO ...?
BUT WHERE HAS MASTER MIZUDO GONE...?


NO... IT'S YOURS, NOT HIS.
IT'S SOMETHING ONLY FOR YOU...
REMEMBER THIS DAIKICHI! IF YOU DO COME UPON SOME FORTUNE DON'T LET IT CHANGE YOU!
HUH !?
NO.. IT'S NOTHING... I WILL NEVER FORGET WORKING AND SWEATING ALONGSIDE YOU AND ALL THE GREAT MEALS.
RONIN!
WELL.. STAY HEALTHY!
YOU TOO, RONIN!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